[Patterson, Rev. N.]

Cantwells Bridge, New Castle Co. Del, March 17th 1840

Messrs M. Badger & C. Hall

Rev and dear Brethren— In compliance with your late notification— I send you a list of particulars as specified in my Commission, which expires in June—

No 1.	Name of Church— Christiana. P.O. address Cantwells Bridge. Del	
2	Number of hopeful conversions	8
3	Number added by profession to the church	0
4	Do added by letter (& as many dismissed too)	3
5	No of Sabbath Schools..4. Do of pupils about	190.
	Number of volumes in their libraries	200
	No of Bible Classes..2 pupils	40
6	No of Temperance Societies 2, Total pledge about	160
7	Number of Churches organized (of presbyterians)	0
8	Contributions to the benevolent objects in all,	166.19
9	Repairs of the church & stoves	85.00
10	Making in all, for purposes connected with the gospel	$251.19

Probably not 50 nor even 20 of this had gone in such directions, had you not kindly sustained the gospel in that place— And a suspension of your aid, would be as disastrous to them, nearly, as a like suspension would be to some foreign Missionary station—

This will be apparent after explaining some of the above named items— In No 2, I have put down 8 conversions. It is due to the indefatigable Superintendent Mr Culver, to state, that his labours, probably, had as much agency in these conversions, as my preaching there, on Sabbath afternoons— We have recently lost our best Elder and one of our best members, who lived in that region— Such an other loss our little scattered close fisted church could not sustain, for he was foremost in every good work—

No 3 & 4 serve as an index to the low state of religion in all this region— In fact this peninsula (except among the Methodists) exhibits "the desolation of many generations"— I think my written out sermons will shew that once a week, at least the truth has been plainly told - Still "the wise and the foolish virgins" have alike been slumbering - I need hardly assign reasons for this, to persons in a situation of commanding eminence - But would merely state, that I reside 12 miles from the church, and two Methodist preachers live close by it - thus living with my Brother in law, (by paying in groceries what I can afford) - I am not compelled to farm or teach, as I would be, in case I were near that Church - The pew rents this year as yet have only yielded me $ 81.21, but more will be paid up in time - I have agreed to take what ever the pews may bring, as the Church's part of my support - - - -

No 5. Respecting Sabbath schools - One of these was suspended during the winter - The other three have been continued without any falling off of numbers - In one of them, at Stanton, several pupils give pleasing evidence of a change of heart. In a grove near that place the 4th of July was celebrated on Temperance principles - Instead of martial music, they sung a variety of hymns to the Prince of Peace - And nothing stronger was drank than Lemonade a new thing in that drinking place - - Between 5 & 600 were present

No 6 One of the Bible Classes is conducted by written questions and answers - just before the morning service - Some of these answers which I read aloud are well worth preserving - The other class is conducted mostly by Mr Culver orally -

No 7 - I have counted the number of signers to the pledge of Total abstinence merely - as some on the old pledge have only slided off from the whiskey barrel to some wine beer & cider casks - This cause is advancing, tho slowly - Public sentiment around here will not permit the repeal of the License system - - -

No 8 A Church will before long be organized at the mouth of the Susquehannah - I preached there 4 times, & other members of our presbytery have spent a sabbath among them - Mr Young was their temporary supply -

No 9 Of the contributions, (to which I had the honour of giving nearly the $\frac{1}{5}$, at least 46.00 out of the 251.19 mentioned above -) These were as follows - To the Del Bible Soc - - 29.19

To the Contingent fund of Presb - Ch - - - - - 12.00

Temp-ce Cause in papers tracts &c - - 15.00

To the A. B. C. F. M - - - - - - - - -	30.00
For Tracts & Tract volumes - - - -	20.00
To the A. H. M. S - - - - - - - -	60.00
For repairs of Church & Stoves - - - - -	85.00
	$ 251.19

If to this be added, what has been collected from pew rents 81.21
The sum total will be - - - - 332.40
very considerably beyond what has been paid in any previous year, for any such purposes — But besides the death of Elder Hawthorn, our feeble church will in a few weeks meet with another loss - the removal of 4 good families & members, to the west. So that the Trustees must yet continue suppliants for the same amount of aid from your noble Institution —

This community feels the pressure of the times beyond any thing I ever witnessed - There are 16 vendues in the neighbourhood of the Church, between now and moving time, the 25th of March — And Sheriff & Constable sales are of weekly occurrance —

If it is "a long lane that has no turn" we in this morally & physically poor region, may get to the turn in ours, in course of time - but we have not yet gotten in sight of it - O that it were now, when instead of being consumers we might turn to be producers — Still your cultivation of this field, is yielding an increase of contribution to the benevolent objects, of more than 25 per cent annually — And if ye "bear long with us" we may at last become your helpers — May the Head of the Church inspire his friends to do what they can for the beloved A. H. M. S - till for want of room in Christendom, its efforts are merged in those of the A. B. C. F. M

Very respectfully yours in the
bonds of the gospel

Nichs Patterson

Rev. Nichs. Patterson Cant-
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Rev C. Hall
No 150 Nassau St
New York

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[Patterson, Rev. N.]

Cantwells Bridge Sept 1. 1840

Rev E. R. Fairchild -

Dear Brother - This day another quarterly report from me, is due to your excellent institution - All the materials which the past three months have presented, might be encompassed in the brief sentence, "that things with us are in 'statu quo'." Nothing has occurred to excite either hope or despondency, excepting the discouraging circumstance that the impenitent continue unmoved by the appeals that have been presented to their conscience; as if my relative duty in such a presentment, did not imply its correlate. We have some steady hearers, who by dint of church going habit, formed in childhood, are never missing, but have on them the premonitory symptoms of those who were seen of old "who had come and gone from the "place of the holy and were forgotten in the city where they had so done" -

The attendance at Church is good as usual - the afternoon service N. S. E & West in rotation, is the same - a little falling off in an old School Baptist neighbourhood being fully compensated by an increase of hearers in another -

There too, an interesting Sabbath School is dropp'd, in consequence of the removal of a pious young man who was its main pillar- "Some Denominations would die out" said an old Minister, "if they "could not gain proselytes from others"— The Sabbath School at Stanton, has lessened some by removals also. The one at our Church holds its own— We celebrated the 4th of July on temperance principles- All the surrounding Schools were invited and some 3 or 400 children and adults were present, and seemed to enjoy the day in the pleasant grove- in marching, singing, hearing addresses- and last, not least with them- partaking of a good supply of cake raisins lemon ade- ice creams nuts &c. The Temperance cause around here seems to be stationary- perhaps from the free and frequent use of the symbol of the log cabin and hard cider- and hickory poles, with other paraphernalia of these exciting times in the political world- Religion too is doubtless suffering from the constant recurrence of political gatherings on both sides- and discussion on these subjects is even carried to the doors of the Church— Thus one thing after another rises in this desolate region to try one's faith & patience- As you probably know this has long been a miserably barren field- and the frosts of Antinomianism are not yet thawed out of it. Many are in that criminal "waiting for light but behold obscurity" and when obligation is press'd, cry New Schoolism— or pelagianism- I will state to you another

fact which shews the silent but powerful influence
of prejudice among some brethren of the "New basis
party. A Mrs Daggard who has recently moved into our
neighbourhood, wished to join our church, but stated that
her pastor (Mr Lawrence of N. Jersey whom I've known these
20 years) told her "don't ask me for a certificate to join them"
Br. Howe lately meeting with Mr Lawrence asked him
why he withheld a certificate, and was answered, "I don't
"recognise you as presbyterians; & as for Mrs D she is one
"of the best members in our church" – So, on that testimony
she was admitted without further ceremony.

Our Bible Class is still conducted by written questions
and answers. In preparing the questions I make a
free use of Mr Barnes Questions and commentary –
And many of the written answers, shew an "acquaintance
with him, & Scott & Whitby & others, This mode draws out
fuller & better answers – tho they are not consecutive
as in conducting a class orally –

The share of the A.H.M.S in the avails of
monthly concert collections, this quarter, must be small,
one collection went to the aid of a needy brother,
another of $20, to the Del: Bible Society – and all that remains
in my hands is $4.00. I will add 6.00, and as I am
in need of funds, would request that you would please
send me $40.00 the ballance of the subjoined draft
and much oblige yours in respectful esteem N. Patterson

[Patterson, Rev. N.]

Cantwells Bridge March 29th 1841

Rev Messrs Hall and Badger
Cor-Secretaries of the A.H.M.S
Hond & dear Brethren,

In my last annual report, I little thought that I would have the mortifying necessity of reporting no additions to our communion- and so few hopeful conversions- As will appear in the following list of particulars

No 1.	Name of Church, Christiana post office address. Cantwells Bridge Del.	
2.	No of hopeful conversions	2
3.	Added by profession -	0
4.	Added by letter	1
5.	Number of Sabbath Schools	3
	Do of pupils 100. Do of vols in their libraries about 250.	
6.	Number of Bible classes -	1
	Do of pupils . . . 20 who write,	
7.	No of Temperance Societies	2
	Do of Subscribers	160
8.	Churches organized in the year . . .	0
9.	Contributions to the benevolent objects	
	To the A.H.M.S . . . . $	40.00
	To the A.B.C.F. Missions	35.00
	To the Bible Society	20.00
	For Sunday School books & Tracts	20.00
	To Temperance publications . . .	10.00
	To Contingent fund of Pennsylva Synod . .	5.00
	To which if I add for Church repairs	55.00
	and for pew rent paid me	108.50
	Total — $	293.50

Of this sum, about $\frac{9}{10}$ came out of eight families not one of which is at all wealthy,

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Rev C. R. Fairchild
No 134 Chest St.
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Cantwells Bridge, Del.
Sept. 1, 1840
N. Patterson

Quarterly Report of
Rev. N. Patterson Christiana
Sep. 3, 1840.

One of our best members was removed by death and another has gone to Missouri - perhaps the most liberal - So in resources we are barely Stationary - The attendance at Church is good as usual - tho poor, on these rainy sabbaths - During the political excitement the Temperance cause languished - Latterly it has been looking up - So it was with the Bible Class, conducted by written questions and answers -

As the Constituted Organs of the benevolent public, which usually looks for a speedy yield of fruits to their beneficence, you must feel gratified in laying before them details of an interesting & cheering nature - And when, from some portions of your field, the materials are wanting - the question comes up "Why is it thus"? Happy for him in your employ that can honestly say, 'I am blameless in this thing'
Without any attempt at entire self exculpation I would say - I have urged the claims of Law & gospel and have not knowingly kept back any thing from the people that was profitable unto them save the "modern practice of stinting those whose "province it is to provide for the moral wants of the "Community" - Yet some of our old members have gravely told me "you beg too much" tho $293.50 is the sum total! My distance from the Church (14 miles -) & the great sparseness of presbyterian families, is a barrier to frequent meetings, and to visiting from house to house - & is one cause of no additions to our communion - in all probability. But this whole region, so far as presbyterianism is concerned, exhibits the "desolations of many generations" - The Methodists by their itinerant system

take hold of the more susceptible portions of the community, while the anti nomianized part of it seems left to others - who are like some of the so called "Skinning farmers" here & south of us - scratching over a large run down field & gathering from its worn out surface "just hope enough, to keep despair alive."

And can you dear Friends yet continue to us your generous aid? We all know something of the pressure of the times - and of the many calls upon your liberality from regions far more inviting - The Church in Christiana can't yet live without you - It will be distressing to many an amiable family in that and other regions to let it go down - Should your generosity of $200, be continued, I will subscribe $10. a quarter, & do what I can among the people to get a quarterly subscription of as much, or more, to A.H.M.S. I would have enclosed the usual request of our trustees for continued aid - but yesterday happened to be the Sabbath on which I exchanged pulpits with a member of the New Castle presbytery - and on the previous Sabbath we had the agent of the A.B.C.F.M - But by this time, I suppose their request is not necessary - Should it be, however, if you will please drop me a line to that effect, it will be forwarded immediately - The low prices of grain leave many in our feeble Church really unable to do for the gospel what they would - but so far as he can learn, they have not diminished confidence nor attachment in your Missionary - May a kind providence so guard & guide & sustain, that most excellent Institution, till its resources are as ample as its intentions and wishes.

Yours in the bonds of the gospel

Nichs. Patterson

[Patterson, Rev. N.

Cantwells Bridge March 17th 1842

Revd Mr Badger & C Hall

Honrd and dear brethren

I send you, as required the following summary of particulars respecting the Church at Christiana,

1 The name - - Post office address, Cantw 4/39.
2 No of hopeful conversions 2
3 No added to the Church by profession 0
4 do by letter 1
5 pupils in Sabt Schools 80 _ Schools . . 2
6 do in bible class 25 - - Class . . . 1
7 pledged to temperance 193 . . Socy . . . 1
8 Dismissed by removals to a distance . . . 3
9 Total now in Communion 68
10 Contributions to benevt objects
To presbytery & contingt fund 6.00
To Sabbath School Temperance &c 20.00
To Del Bible Socy 20.00
To the A. B. C. F. M 15.37
To the A. H. M. S 78.00
$ 139.37

Thus after all the aid you have so long and so generously afforded us, we continue "little among the thousands of Israel" in more senses than one - And we need that aid as much as ever - Would that the items above, contained in them something more animating - That under No 2 speaks of but 2 conversions - perhaps there were more But I named these (a young man & his wife) because they testified "that your missionarys "visits & preaching at their houses brought them "to decide for God" They removed before our next communion - Several others have joind the Methodists - Some of them were taken into

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Cantw ells Bridge
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their Church without the usual probation of 6 months— These Methodists are quite zealous Two preachers reside in Christiana— They have had 4 protracted meetings this winter— and able men from abroad— Living as I do 14 miles distant, is a serious disadvantage to my reports— And I see not how to help it— Our people are poor & close and mostly old school in their predilections— I have received from them but 100 dollars this year— and gave to various objects above half of it— I really have not resources to go there and commence housekeeping without opening a school— and that would be as great a draw back as distance— Our bible class has been conducted by reading out written answers to questions dealt out on the previous sabbath— when the writers flag this for a while is suspended— The temperance cause of late has received a new impulse from addresses made by reformed drunkards— Last week above 30 signed the total pledge—

The Mormons who exerted a dividing influence, have nearly run down since the requisition of a tythe from their followers— One man a deist, who went to no church has of late invited me to his house and become an attentive hearer—

Since the awakening in two churches below this— I have been brought to feel and to urge on others the importance of a revival. Have visited more & have been enabled to warn many with tears from house to house— The idea of no addition to our communion for a whole year, seems at times unsupportable— and when with emotion, confession was made in some families, of great delinquency in not making my visits strictly "religious & ministerial" it appeared to call forth corresponding emotion. But there has been a long & a trying alternation betwixt hope & fear— During some sermons (and one a week with much care is written and nearly committed) there seems to be a feeling that the Lord is about drawing near— Those on "O Lord revive thy work" and "for Zions sake I will not hold my peace" &c— have started a prayer meeting twice a week, which is much larger and more lively than any we have ever had— Our Methodist friends attend it and take part in the exercises— and if Satan does not introduce party spirit among us, we may hope for pleasing results—

At the suggestion of Rev E R Fairchild I've made several excursions among the moral desolations below this— These will be repeated perhaps more frequently— Tho that region, for 70 miles below, looks dreary enough— Yet it was well said what changes may soon be witnessed? if "one will lay off hat & glove & go to work"— That Christian liberality may enable you to continue to us your kindness, and enlarge it greatly, amid the more inviting places of the land, is the sincere desire of yours in the bonds of the gospel—

Nichs Patterson

[Fries, Henry G]

Laurel Delaware Apl 1st 1843

~~Rev Gentlemen~~

Dear Brethren

Agreeable to the terms of my commission, I herein send you a report of my labours in these churches, my commission began Jan= 15th 1842=

My address is Laurel Sussex County Delaware

The churches are all in this county=

1st Blackwater Church is in ~~B~~ Baltimore Hundred Sussex County Delaware =

Numbers of hopeful conversions 16 persons

Added to the church by profession 15 =

Added - - - - by letter 1 =

Sabbath & catechatical scholars 70

Sunday school Library 40 volumes

The temperance cause has done wonders in this hundred though the societies include all denominations a great change is perceptible, only two store in the hundre sell liquor =

For the Home Missionary Society five dollars have been paid = A revival has taken place & the 15 added are among the first fruits of it = The church is lenghting her borders & strenghting her Stakes =

Rev. N. Patterson Cent-
ville Bridge Del
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Rev. M Badger

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2d Indian River, Church is in Indian River
hundred Sussex County Delaware

Added to the Church by profession 9 persons & the same number of hopeful conversions
Sabbath & catechatical scholars 100
Sunday school libraries 80 volumnes =

The temperance cause is here advancing Millsborough has been one of the strongest holds of the enemy in the county, but has met with an overthrow & the cause is advancing = A ~~reglar~~ regular ~~atten~~dan attendance on the means of grace is given though a most violent & bitter opposition from the Methodist = For the Home Missionary Cause five dollars has been paid =

2d Laurel Church is in Broadkiln Hundred
Sussex County Delaware

Added to the church by profession 5 persons & the same number of hopeful conversions
The temperance cause is still advancing & numbers 250 whites & 140 coloured members =
Owing to a union existing in the sabbath school it is impossible to tell the number of the different scholars, & the numbers of the Library volumnes
For the Home Missionary Cause five dolars has been paid = I may also state that in each of the churches on the Sabbath there is no preaching & once a week in each in the different neighbourhoods = The congregations are twenty five miles apart, & my riding to the different places

of preaching every three weeks besides pastoral visits is over 80 miles

your missionary at
Laurel ~~Delawa~~
Delaware

Philadelphia Home
Missionary Society =

Henry C Fries

Rev. H. C. Fries Laurel Del
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Laurel Del
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Rev.d Charles Hall
No. 150 Nassau
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New York

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[Gilbert, Rev. E. W.] [NEWAR

Rev. Charles Hall,
Sec. of A.H.M. Society,
Dear Br,

Mr. J
formerly of my church
years past he has been
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(so far as I can learn)

He is about to
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P.S. Would have written to Mr. Badger, but forgot whether I am known to him.

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Newark, Del. July 17. 1843.

James R. Dunn, the bearer, was
in Wilmington Del. For some
a resident of Illinois; & for more
been laboring as a Missionary
Agent for the Temperance Society,
ith zeal & usefulness.
turn to Illinois, & proposes going
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think you any means of

h much respect,
Your friend & Brother,

E. W. Gilbert.

Rev. Charles Hall

A. H. Missionary Rooms
Nassau Street
New York

Rev. James R. Dunn, Esq

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Rev. E. W. Gilbert Newark
Del. July 17, 1843 Introducing Rev. James R. Dunn.

[Patterson, Rev. N.]

Christiana Del. April 3d 1843

Rev M Badger & C Hall

Hond and dear Brethren, I was in Commission under the Philada. H. M. Socy from March 1842 till the following June – for that quarter Rev E. R. Fairchild paid me $50.

During that period no contributions were made to the benevt objects – Nor were any additions made to our church – So that the Statistical report may be set down as follows

1 Name of place & p. o. address (now) Christiana Del
2. Hopeful conversions – none
3. Additions on examination, none
4. Do by letter, one
5. Sabt School — 44 pupils
6 1 Bible class of 20 writers
7 1 Tempce. Socy of about 250 members
8 Contributions to benevt objects none in my last quarter.

At some sacrifice, I have just removed to this place & desire & intend to be of more profit, should my commission be renewed – Our meetings of late are well attended – May we reap off this rugged field yet a rich harvest

Very respectfully yours

Nichs Patterson

Rev. Nichs. Patterson
Christiana, Del Ap. 3. 1843
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Rev M Badger and
C. Hall
No 150 Nassau St
New York

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[Fries, H.C.]

Laurel Delaware March 16th 1844

Dear Bretheren

Agreeably to the terms of my commission I hereby send you my report of the churches to which my commission extends. They are Blackwater, Indian River & Laurel. My Post office address is Laurel, Sussex County Delaware. My commission began July 17th 1844. Shortly after the sickly season set in, & much of the time of your missionary was spent in visiting the sick & dying couches, & the ravages of the bilious fever have been sorely felt in these Churches.

In the Blackwater Church there have been 3 conversions, & 1 by letter = Total 4 added. 1 Sabbath school between 50 & 60 scholars; catechatical instuctions are given frequently in the bounds of the congregations. Temperance cause continues to advance, & there are 3 different societies in various parts of the congregation. Five dollars have been raised for Home Missions. The church now numbers 53 members, many of them are poor but take a deep interest in its welfare, prayer meetings are regularly observed (that is on the days in which there is no preaching) & through the summer season female prayer meetings (that is weekly meetings) are well attended.) There are several cases of seriousness, & probable conversions in the ~~[illegible]~~ congregation, but as they have not united with the church, I have not included them among the addition. A spirit of deep toned piety, reigns in this church, & though the additions have not been as numerous as the preceeding year, yet there is a more firm interest in the cause of Christ, & the spread of the gospel =

Indian River

Here we have suffered much by the death of one of our most active members, & an Elder of the church, yet there has been 3 added to this church, & there is two sabbath schools numbering between 60 & 70 scholars. At Millsborough (near this church) proverbial for its intemperance things are aſsuming a new aspect, & few stores are found where liquor is sold = There are 43 members belonging to this church, & they are united in love, & still continue their prayer meetings, (that is the weekly ones) Six dollars have been raised for the cause of Home Miſsions. Catechatical instructions are given on Sunday evenings, where I tarry for the night At times the attention is good, & marked with seriousneſs in the public ordinances

Laurel.

Owing to the spirit of immigration, we have lost some from this church, & there has however been two additions. The Sabbath school in the village is on the Union plan & numbers between 60 & 65 = The temperance society numbers near 250 members = Weekly Lectures are held in this place every tuesday evening, & generally well attended, the ordinary attendance on the means of grace is good. Five dollars & a half have been subscribed for the cause of Home Miſsions

When it is considered that the population of Sussex County at its last census was 25093, & that there are only five Presbyterian churches & two presbyterian ministers, & with the exception of two Episcopal ministers, the rest being Methodist, & all together, one minister to 2000 hearers you can form some idea of the great moral waste of this county = So far as your missionary has been able he has endeavoured to promote the objects of his mission, having delivered several temperance addresses in various parts of the congregations, & ~~many~~ among which there are at least 9 or 10 different societies, & being made up of the different sects it is impossible to keep an accurate list of all the members, by visitation, distribution of bibles, & temperance publications, visiting the sick, & what appeared likely to benefit the souls of men = Though the numerical strength has not been so numerous as last year, this may be preparing the way for future rewards in the work of the Lord = Since your missionary has been in this field there has been three revivals of religion in the five churches* in the county, & considering the distance of riding, & comparatively sparceness of preaching (only once in three weeks) & in ~~four~~ six different neighbour=hoods, on Sunday &c, & the churches twenty five miles apart, much time must be taking up in visiting & travelling from the different families = Collections have been taken up in all our churches but the failure of the corn crop last year & not having yet sold the present, money is still very scarce, the cause of missions is taking

* Two at Lewistown & one in Blackwater

deeper root & will yield its fruits to your society

Henry C Fries
Missionary at
Laurel
Delaware

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Sec.y A H M S
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Rev. H. C. Fries Laurel
Del March 16. 1835 [illegible]

[Patterson, Rev. N.]

Christiana Ill. March 11th 1844

Messrs Badger & Hall

Respected & dear Brethren—

In compliance with duty, I send you a duplicate of my annual Statistical report— My commission from the Phil.a H. M. S. is dated on the 27th of last March— Did I write under no better impulse than that of self complacency, one thing is certain, there is a very great lack of materials to make ones report of this place in any wise, valuable or interesting— Considering the time in which we in this region, have been assisted by your Noble Institution— and the little that has been done— It must be conceded that we have made quite a levy on your patience & generosity & other excellent qualities that characterise the acting members of the A. H. M. S.

As we do not deserve, so I doubt whether we should ask, at present for farther aid— The reasons I have stated to the Rev E R Fairchild. They are substantially these

1. Yearly removals are diminishing our numbers

2. But 14 Heads of families pay towards preaching

3. Out of the 200 dolls promised in my call I realise but from $ 80 to 100 annually

4. We shall be weakened still more by the removal of 4 families this spring—

I know of no dissatisfaction among the people nor falling off of hearers— but a general & pervading coldness on the subject of religion

Hence if I stay on (as I probably will this year) it will be for what a few may choose to give me—

I have sent the following list of particulars to your Auxily in Phila—

No 1.	Name & p.o. address. Christn. ell.	
2.	No of Hopeful conversions	15
3.	do added to this Church	9
4.	do by letter	3
5.	Sabt. School & B. Class	40
6.	Vols in S.S. library	100
7.	Tempce. Subscribers	200
	New Churches	5
8.	Contributn. to benevt. objects. A.H.M.S. . . .	20.00
9.	To repairs & things about here . . .	80.00

Our Session book contains 70 names in full communion— But (as usual in this region) several remove every spring without asking for a certificate of Ch membership— so that the actual number is about 50— of these about 3ths are poor females——

May the Head of the Church smile upon your efforts & guide to a right application of your benefactions is the sincere desire of your much indebted fellow Servt— Nichs. Patterson

[Fries, H. C.]

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Laurel Delaware March 1st 1845

Dear Bretheren

Another year of my missionary labour among these congregations is almost ended, & by the terms of my commission, I am to give an annual report of my labours with them; gladly do I wish to give the cheering cheering returns of the out pouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst; but while they have walked in peace, & love the refeshing showers have not descended =

My post office address is Laurel, Sussex County Delaware

The churches are Blackwater, Indian River & Laurel.

1st Blackwater, About the middle of January the presbytery of Lewes held a protracted meeting in this church, & though it might not properly be called a revival, yet it was no doubt a very interesting season, many were convicted, & a deep interest manifested in the service 5 were added to the church all of them young, & in the most interesting period of life, & will be useful in this church, a very interesting bible class has since been kept up in the congregation numbering from 20 to 30, also a sabbath school of 40 scholars, prayer meetings are held from time to time in the bounds of the congregations. The temperance cause is still advancing though great has been the excitement in the political world, five dollars have been raised for the

A H M Society-

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Messrs Badger & Hall
No 150 Nassau St
New York

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Arv. N. Patterson Christiana
March 11. 1854 Report Del.
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Indian River Our congregation at this place is generally good though have not been any additions during the past year, the greater part of the youth having joined the church since I came among them a very interesting sabbath school numbering 44 scholars & from 8 to 10 teachers has been in operation during the past year, they have quite a respectable library but think it best to buy & give the children reward books such as hymn books, testaments, & other books, supposing that this stimulates them more than the books of of the library. The temperance cause is still advancing. Four dollars & a half have been raised for your society & eight dollars have been obtained for the Sunday school =

Sorel Our congregation, here is as good as any in the neighbourhood, though none have been added during the year the past, our weekly lectures are generally well attended, the sabbath school & temperance cause being conducted on general principles (that is not sectarian) are prospering, so that we can not give the exact number. The greatest difficulty we have here is that the church building is nearly a half a mile from the village, & the walk is a very sandy one so that ~~it~~ when the weather is either too hot or too cold we can not get the people out they are making vigorous efforts to buy a lot & build over in the village, & have obtained by subscription $150 00 dollars for this purpose, Five dollars have

been collected for your society, & I think $25,00
will be raised among them all before my year
is out, for your society =

A county bible society has been recently reorganised
at Georgetown our County town & ~~$~~ $162,00 pledged
for the same

Yours in the bonds
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Henry C Fries
Missionary at
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Revd. Milton Hall
S A H M S
No. 150 Naſsau
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New York

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Rev. H. C. Fries, Laurel, Del. —
May 1, 1845. — Report.

(WILMINGTON)

[Hall, Willard]

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Wilmington, Delaware
March 20. 1846.

Sir,

Inclosed is a draft of Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine, on Commercial Bank of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, for $36 30/100 – for the Home Missionary Society – from Miss Junia M. Warner treasurer of the Female Missionary Society of Hanover Street Presbyterian Church, Wilmington.

Very respectfully,

Yours Willard Hall

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WILMINGTON DEL. MAR 20

Mr. Jasper Corning
Treasurer of American Home Missionary Society
No. 150 Nassau Street
New York

paid

Hon W. Hall – Wilmington Del
March 20. 1836 $\$36^{30}$

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[How, James]

[St. George's]

Sent Circular

St. George's Del. July 16th 1846

Revd Milton Badger D.D.

Dear Br.

The Ladies of my congregation;-(viz. The Presbyn church of St. George's New Castle Co. Del.) have requested me to make certain inquiries of you, which will aid them in preparing a box for some miſsionary station in the far west; they are anxious to have the box ready by the first of October—

Will you be so good as to answer the following questions.

1 What station in the far west would you recommend them to prepare a box for, being among the most needy?

2. When you name a family, please mention the number of children, if you can; how many boys & girls? as it will aid them to fill the box with such things as will be of use to the family—

3. Is it better to send the clothing made up, or to send the material unmade up—?

4. When you name a station and family, will you name the kind of articles most needed and suitable for that miſsion.

5. Will you mention the mode of directing and

forwarding the box when ready – and also the time it should leave here in order to ensure its arrival before winter sets in –

Any other advice and counsel in the matter which you may think necessary to give to aid the Ladies in this work of love, will be acceptable.

Yours very Respectfully

James C. How.

P.S. Direct to St. Georges Del.

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James C. How
St. Georges, Delaware
July 16, 1846

[How, James C.]

Articles packed in a Missionary Box for the West by Ladies of St George's Church ^dec. 1846 with their prices

	Dols	Cts
Mrs L. H. How — 2 Combs 12½ — 1 fine Comb 12½ 2 Thimbles		
2 ps Tape 13 — 2 ps narrow 2 doz Shirt Buttons 12½ 1 Hair Brush 12		
2 caps & Lace 40 — Razor Strap 12½ — 4 yds Calico — Small shoes 25	2	17
Mrs Susan Sutton, 1½ paper of pins 10 — 2 yds Muslin 25 —		
1 spool ~~cotton 6~~ Cotton & thread 8 — 1 paper Needles 6 — —		55
Miss Isabella Long 10 yds Calico 1.25	1	25
Mr John Sutton 10 yd Canton Flannel 1.00 —	1	00
Mrs Margaret Sutton 6 yds Muslin 60 — Black Tea 35		95
Mrs Sarah A. Eleason, 1 pr Brittannia Tea Pots	2	50
Mrs Belville & family 1 Comfortable 1,18 — 9 yds Calico 56		
10 yds Muslin 1,25 — 1 Ladies Coat 1.75 - - - - -	4	74
Miss E. W. Belville's S. School class 1 Bible	1	00
Mrs M. A. Kennedy 10 yds Chintz 1.56 —		
6 yds Muslin 75 — 1 ps Tape 8 — 1 paper pins 7 —		
2 ps Cord & Needles 6 — 2 spools Cotton 19 — Whalebone		
1 Box Hooks & Eyes 6 — 1 yd Muslin 10 —	3	00
Mrs Susan Ellison 4 yds Flannel — —	1	00
Mrs Mary Scott 8 yds Calico		50
Mrs H. Price 10 yds Calico 1,25 — 1 vest pattern 62½		
10 yds Muslin 1.00	2	87½
Mrs Martha Sutton 1 Comfortable	1	18
Mrs E. A. Capelle, 12 yds Muslin 1.20		
10 yds Canton Flannel, 2.37½ — 2 pr Woollen Hose 50		
1 Tweed Coat 1.00 — —	5	07½
Mrs Sarah Silver, 1 Coat 5.00 — Pantaloons & Drawers 50		
5 yds Muslin 62½ — —	6	12½

	Dols	Cts
Mrs Margaret B. Ellison, 6 yds Muslin —		75
Mrs Eliza Stewart, 2 ps Tape 12½ — Thread 18¾		
6 yds Calico 75 — 2 yds Muslin 20	1	26
Mrs Sarah Belville & Mrs Sarah Clark, 6 yds Calico 75		
8 yds Calico 50 — 4 yds Muslin 50 — Gambroon 50	2	25
Mrs Ann E. Biddle 6 yds Calico 62½ — 2 yds flannel 50		
3 yds muslin 37½ — 4 yds muslin 50 — — — —	2	00
Mrs R. Medford 1 Thread case and contents — —	1	25
Mr Ed. Jones 4 yds canton flannel 40 — Tea 35 — —		75
Mrs M. Ellison 2 yds calico 25 — — — —		25
Mrs F. Clark 1 pair Stockings 25 — 2 Towels 25		
1 pair pillow cases 25 — — — —		75
Mrs C. Reybold 1 Blanket — — — — —		75
Mr P. McConaughy 20 yds Calico — — — —	2	30
Mrs Dr Sutton 1 Box Medicines — — — —	2	38
Mrs Ann J. McWhorter 9 yds Calico 1.44 — 7½ yds muslin 1.03		
3 yds gingham 75 — 3 pair Stockings 62 — — — —	3	84
Mrs L. Stark. 16½ yds calico 2.06½ — 5 yds calico 44 —		
2 pair Stockings 50 — 2 pair do 25 — 7 pair shoes 2.25 —	5	50
Mrs J. C. Hurlock 2 Doz Whale bones 16 — 25½ yds calico		
1.94 — 1 Blanket shawl 1.00 — 10 yds canton flannel 1.50		
6 yds muslin 60 — 2 plaid Handkerchiefs 37 — 18 spools		
of cotton 56 — 1 Quilt 4.00 — — — —	10	12½
Mrs J. Newton 1 Shawl 1.25 — Muslin & cotton 75 — —	2	00
$	70	07
Cash to pay the freight on the Box — —	5	00

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.

Dear Sir

I herewith send you an invoice of articles with their prices, which were packed in a box and sent by Steam Boat to day to Philad. from thence they will go to New York by the Swift sure transportation line to New York, directed. Rev. Milton Badger D.D. No 150 Nassau St New York. A. H. M. Society – the Ladies of St. George's Church Del. send this Box to the care of the Secretaries of the A. H. M. S. to be sent at their discression to some destitute mission family in the far west –

I also inclose for the Ladies to pay the freight on the Box $5.00 –

Yours very Respectfully
Jas. C. Haw

St. George's Del.
October 6th 1846.

Rev. J. C. Hove St. Georges
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Rev. Milton Badger D.D.
A. H. Miſsionary Rooms
No. 150 Naſsau St.
New York.

[Philanthropist]

[NEW CASTLE]

Ans

McDonough, Newcastle Co. Del Jany 12

Rev. M. Badger D.D.
Rev. Chas Hall

Gentlemen:

I wish to inquire the name & residence of the missionary who is styled "A servant of the Church" on the last Page of the cover of the "Home Missionary" for Jany 1847 - His statement has excited some attention & a wish to know who, & where he is. A knowledge of his address may not be wholly useless to him. Please direct an answer to this question to ~~the~~ the "Female Mite society" McDonough Post Office, New Castle co. Delaware— & give such additional facts respecting this Missionary as it may be proper to communicate

Yrs Respectfully

Philanthropist

Philanthropist. McDonough
P.O. Del. Jan. 5, 1847.—
Inquires the name of
a particular missionary.—

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Rev. Milton Badger D D
or. Rev. Charles Hall —
Office of the Home Miſsionary Society
New York-city

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$51 75 [WILMINGTON] [FLOYD]

Dear Sir.

Above please find my Ck for $51.75 being amt appropriated to your society in the distribution of funds collected in the Sabbath School of the Hanover St Presbyterian Church. (Rev Mr Rockwell's) during the past year. please send me receipt for it, and if convenient we would like to hear how it is disposed of (supposing that it would encourage the children to give liberally if they could hear exactly how their funds were used)

Very Respectfully
J. Floyd
Treas Miss'y Fund

[How, James C.] [St Georges]

Invoice of Articles for a Home Missionary
Boy, by The Ladies of St Georges Church Del. June 1848

	Dol	Cts
Mrs Martha Sutton. check & spools of cotton —	1	00
Mr E I Crippen. Calico — —	1	15
Mr E I Jones — flannel — — — —	1	25
Mrs ~~Margarett~~ Susan G. Sutton — gingham 1 Table cloth	1	62
Mrs Margarett Sutton. Calico 4 pr cotton hose, spools cotton	1	27
Mrs Sarah A Eliason. 2 vest patterns. canton flannel. cotton &c	1	37
Miss Isabella Long. Domestic stripe for boys & calico —	2	12
Mrs Catherine Capello. white muslin. calico & wood —	2	00
Mrs Rebecca Ocheltree. calico muslin, Apron & boys Cap	2	50
Mrs Ann Clark. Chintz. muslin 2 pr cotton hose —	2	75
Miss Rhodes. Chintz dress. calico, Muslin, spool, cotton	2	00
Mr Michael H Bryan, canton flannel, pins & needles	1	50
Mr Nathan Johnson, cassinett, Thread & buttons —	1	50
Mrs Sarah Wright. one Shawl — — —		62
Miss Mary McCoy. calico — — — —		25
Mrs Sarah Garrison. Calico, muslin, hooks & eyes cotton hose &c	1	50
Mr Patrick McConoughy. Calico flannel, tape buttons &c	3	04
Mrs Elizabeth Garrison, muslin, 1 pair sheets, 1 Cloth Coat —	4	25
Mrs Harriett Cres — Calico — — —	1	12
Mrs Sarah Higgins — calico — — —	1	12
Miss Margaret Sutton. Gingham 2 linen hdkfs paper [illegible] &c		75
Juvenile Sewing Society. 1 pair sheets, pillow cases, & bolster	1	75
Miss Susan Jeffries. one patchwork bed spread — —	2	00
Mrs Sarah Silvers. calico, muslin, 1 pair pants — —	2	50
Miss Hetty Garrison one pair shoes —	1	25

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J. Corning Esq. Treas.
Home Missionary Society

New York
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	Dol	cts
Mrs Sarah Belville — 1 Calico spread —		75
Mrs Elizabeth Raybold 1 piece Muslin — — —	3	50
Miss Matilda Raybold, Calico — — —	1	12
Mrs Sophronia Raybold — 9 yds gingham	1	12
Mrs Margarett Polk — linen plaid & gingham		87
Mrs Elizabeth Clark, muslin Calico, 2 night gowns lawn cap	2	96
Mrs Julia A Newton. Canton flannel, Calico, cotton	2	00
Mrs Caroline Raybold, muslin & gingham —	3	00
Mrs Letitia H. Horn, mousdelaine, muslin cotton hdkfs stocks &	3	12
Mrs J C Hinlock 1 Bed quilt, 6 pr hose & small package	8	62
Mrs A C Biddle, calico & linen — —	2	31
Children of the Church, 1 Bed quilt — — — —	4	50
Mrs Mary Roney, Calico — —		50
Mrs Eliza Stewart, muslin Calico, pins & cotton	2	06
Dr James Sutton a box of Medicine	1	20
~~Mrs Elizabeth Clark~~		
Mrs Mary Belville 1 book, Mission of inquiry to the Jews	1	00
Mrs Adeline Vandegrift, Calico & thread	1	12
The Belville family Cash Gold piece	2	50
	89	28
Cash for freight of Box in letter —	5	00
	94	28

Dr M Badger

Dear Sr. I forward you this invoice of goods contained in a missionary Box packed by the Ladies of my Church, which they wish sent to some destitute missionary family in the far west, — It would suit one of a large family of children, and particularly girls. — The one sent last year to Revd John G. Hanouse was exactly suited to his family of ten children, as he informed us by letter though it was delayed on the rout one whole year — We have sent this earlier in the season, in hope ~~it may~~ it may reach its destination in good season this fall I inclose five dollars in this to pay the freight — The Box will pass through Revd Robt Adair's hands to you, and you will credit it to his field —

It is Marked. Revd Milton Badger
150 Nassau st
New York
from St. Georges, Ch.
Del.

Yours very Respectfully
Jas C. Howe

Rev Jas. C Howe St Georges
Del Jany 1848 Rec $5,
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Office of P.H.M.S.
142. Chestnut June 5th 1848

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.

Dear Sir,

I herewith send you the communication from Rev. Jas. How. of St Georges Del. and the receipt for the box referred to in it. also the $5. to pay freight &c on said box. It will arrive in New York on Saturday. I hope it will cheer the heart of some one of the needy servants of God labouring in your employ as a missionary. Tho: we have a few among our missionaries to whom such a donation w.d be very acceptable, I rejoice that it will find its way to some one beyond the field of our operations. Who will bless God for the gift. I feel for our Home Missionaries many of whom are labouring so hard, and making so many sacrifices in the cause of their master. They need the prayers of the church & a far more liberal support. The Lord reward them.

Yours affectionately
Robt. Adair
Secy. P.H.M.S.

[St. GEORGES]

Invoice of Articles packed in a Box for Home Missions in the West,
by the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church of St Georges Delaware
May 17th 1849

Mrs Martha A. Sutton, Thread case & contents, 1 pr Pillow Cases, 1 Comfortable	1	75
Mrs Sarah A. Eliason, 13½ Yds Calico	1	08
Mr Wm Patton 13½ " Calico	1	08
Mr David Griffith 5 yds Flannel	1	25
Mr Micheal Bryan 12 yds Calico, 2 pr Cotton Hose	1	53
Mr D. S. Crouch, 2 papers ~~pins~~, needles, 3 pr Cotton Hose, 3 yds Gingham	1	00
Mr C McConnaughy 2¼ yds Cassimere	2	00
Mrs Susan G. Sutton 4½ " Calico, 8 yds Plain Chintz	1	00
Dr James N. Sutton, Box of Family Medicines	3	50
Mrs Eliza Stewart, 4 pr Mens, 4 pr Womens & 4 pr Childrens Hose, & Gingham	2	64
Mrs Mary A Kennedy, Mousdelaine for a dress, with trimmings in full	2	26
Mrs Harriet Eves, 10 yds Lawn for dress, Muslin for lining & cotton	1	52
Mrs Rebecca Ocheltree, 16 yds Calico, 1 White drilling Roundabout	1	78
Miss Susan Jeffries, 1 pr Woollen Hose		75
Miss Isabella Long, Gingham & Crash	1	00
Mr John Sutton, Drilling for Pants	1	00
Mrs Margaret J. Jones, Flannel Woollen material for boys clothing, Muslin, thread & white Gloves,	1	25
Books from St Georges Sabbath School	5	00
Mrs Margaret Sutton, Calico, Gingham, pins, & Cotton	1	25
Mrs Ann Clark, 31 yds Unbleached Muslin, Woollen yarn, Thread, darning Cotton, 1 pr Infants Hose	3	12
Mrs Sarah Silver, 14½ yds Calico, 1 pr Blue drilling Pants, 1 Cotton Vest	2	57
Mrs Julia A Newton, Canton Flannel, Suspenders, Cravat, & Pocket Handkerchiefs	1	50
Mrs Adaline Vandegrift, Muslin, Linen, pins, needles, Tape, Spools Cotton, 2 pr fine Cotton Hose	2	15
Mrs John Belleville, Gingham & Calico	2	00
Mrs Elizth Clark, Drilling for Pants, Calico dress, Flannel Roundabout, 2 Chemises, 2 Shirts, 1 Infants Wrapper, Collars, Cravats, 3 pr Cotton Hose, 4 night Caps, pins, Tape, Crash, &c	6	25
Mrs Sarah Clark, Calico		37
Mrs Caroline Keybold, Calico		44
Mrs Letitia H. How, 8 yds Cold Canton Flannel, Silk Pocket Hdkf, 2 pr dark Gloves, buttons, Cotton, &c	2	06
Mrs J. Caroline Hurlock, 1 Bed Quilt, 1 Gentlemans Wrapper, 2 pr Cotton Hose	4	87
Master George Clark, Muslin		90

Mrs Sophronia Reybold, Gingham for a dress	1	12
Mrs Sarah C. Higgins, 1 French Merino Ladies Coat, 9 yds Calico – – – – –	7	62
Mrs Ann E Biddle Flannel, Calico, Gingham, Muslin & Hose, – – – –	3	19
Mrs Elizabeth Reybold, 1 ps white Muslin – – – – – – –	4	50
Master Charles Clark, 1 Summer Cloth Roundabout, 1 Jean Vest – – – – –	1	37
Children of St George's congregation, 1 Bed Quilt	4	50
Miss Rebecca Rhodes, 8 yds Calico – – – – – – – – –	1	00
Mrs Hannah Mulford 1 Comfortable, 3¼ yds Calico – – – – – –	1	00
Mrs Mary McWhorter 8 yds Calico cotton – – – – –	1	00
Miss Hetty Garrison, Spools Cotton, needles, bodkins tape, cord, Buttons, pins, &c	1	00
Mr Andrew W. Johnston, 1 White Silk Pocket Hankerchief – – –		62
Mrs [illegible] C Hurlock one quilted skirt – – – – – – – –	1	00
	$ 89	79

Amount of cash recieved for freight & sent to the Treasurer of A H. Missionary Society N.J.

	$	cts
Mrs Sarah Belleville		75
Mrs Mary Belleville		75
Mrs Elizt Clark	1	00
Mrs John Belleville		25
Mr J. C. Clark	1	00
Mrs ~~[illegible]~~	1	00
Mrs Mary Scott	1	00
Mrs Buelah Reybold 1,00, her children 50	1	50
Mrs – – by Mrs Biddle – – – – – – – –		52
	$ 7	77

Jas C Howe
Pastor

(Lewes] [Thomas, Andrew]

Lewes Del.
6th Dec. 1851,

Rev. Dr. Badger,

Rev. and Dear Sir,

I greatly fear I am troubling you, but I trust you will excuse me. I am pastor of the Lewes and Coolspring Congregations Del. For some time past I have had my attention turned to the Western Country, with the view of exercising my ministry there. I communicated on the subject with Dr. Bullard of St. Louis, and he has twice written to me, earnestly requesting me to go West at once and I have concluded to do so. Dr. B. says it would be advantageous for me to get from the Home Missionary Society "a Commission to Missouri". I have, therefore, taken the liberty to ask you whether the Society would be willing to grant me a Commission before I go West, and am actually located in some part of Missouri — and if so, how, and to whom, I should apply.

As we shall have a pro re nata meeting of our presbytery in the course of ten or twelve days to consider of my leaving my present charge I shall esteem it a particular favor if you would be kind enough to write me before presbytery meets.

Most Respectfully Yours

Andrew Thomas

(Written to Rev Robert Adair Phila
for information)

[Howe, James C.]

Rev. J. C. Howe St Georges
Del May – 1849 Box –
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Rev. Andrew Thomas
Lewes. Del. Dec. 1, 1851
Wishes to go to Missouri.

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~~Correspondence~~

Write Encouragingly

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[Thomas, Andrew]

[Kennedy, Rev. G. W]

Milford Del. '52
Revd Drs Badger & Hall
March 23d
Secs Am. H. M. S.

Dear Brethren,

Your circular came this morning reminding me of a duty I have been intending to perform the last fortnight — I was from Home the 1st of the Month, & since my return have been prest with various & perplexing duties. An old lady, a member of my church died recently intending to leave the residue of her property to the H. M. S. amounting to about $1000. She exprest her wish, but the will was not written. She died about 15 minutes before I could get there — She had exprest to me & Gov. Tharp the same purpose last summer. I have consulted Chancellor Johns, Judge D. Harrington, and find nothing can be done — Col. Johnson who was to write the will, came to me to get the form of a bequest to the Society, not apprehending any immediate danger. Gov. Tharp & myself were to meet him the next morning to witness the will. but when we got there she was dead. Our little church has also lost a legacy of a few hundred dollars.

P. O. Address Rev. G. W. Kennedy Milford Del.

Statistical Report

A. H. M. S.

Sussex Co. Del

1. 1st Milford Presbyterian church.
2. Misspillian Presbyterian church - Kent Co Del
3. Greensboro Presbyterian church Caroline Co. Md.

2. Milford ch. has 4 male & 8 female members
— Greensboro. 5 Male & 20 female, —
— Mispillion 3 male - 26 female, —

3. Average attendance on public worship
At Milford church. 150 - Greensboro 70 -
Mispillian 80.

4. — In all about 7 some have not united
with ~~an~~ church

5. - Added by Prof Milford 2 - letter 2 -
Greensboro — — 1. —
Misspillion — — 2 —

7. Number of Sab. School Scholars
150 = Bible class. 10

8 - Number of vols. - 400

11 Contribution $70

12. Our new church here Milford was dedicated
last August. It is a beautiful
brick building in Modern style our
church & parsonage cost nearly $6000
which is all paid!

When I came here two years ago there
was no Church & only 2 Presbyterians in the
Place -

G. W. Kennedy

[Lewes] [Mustard, C.W.]

Lewes Jan. 14th 1852.

Dr. Badger

Dr Sir; Yours of the 7th I received yesterday, and without delay I proceed to reply.

The Rev. Andrew Thomas commenced his labors as pastor of the Churches of Lewes & Coolspring about the 1st of last February. These Churches had been destitute of a regular pastor for more than two years, and in the mean time had been visited by a number of preachers of different characters and ministerial ability, more or less acceptable to the people; among whom was a notorious impostor who was finally detected in his iniquity, and now occupies a place in one of the penitentiaries of your State, By forged letters he worked his way, and being a man of some ability, and to some pleasing in his manners he managed to impose himself upon ~~a~~ plain and unsuspecting people. In consequence of these things, mainly, perhaps, the churches were to a considerable extent in a state of confusion when Mr Thomas

Rev. G. W. Kennedy
Milford, Del. Mar. 23/02
A legacy lost to the Society
by there being no will written,
Station Rep.

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~~House of wor. & parsonage~~
~~complete & paid for.~~

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took charge of them. There were parties in the church; some declaring themselves for Paul and others for Apollos, or rather the man that one party would be pleased with, the other party would have nothing to do with. One of the parties, and that a small but noisy one, and one but little to be depended upon took hold when Mr Thomas came and acted so as to impress him with the belief that they were the only friends of the church - they made great promises and raised his expectation very high at the beginning. These promises, he soon found, they were slow to fulfil; and also that misrepresentations had been made to him with regard to those that were the real friends of the church, in consequence of which he ~~had~~ been shy of them, and treated them with coolness. He was disappointed and soon became involved in difficulties and concluded that it would hardly be possible, humanly speaking, for him to be successful in the connection. He therefore asked to be dismissed, and at a pro re nata meeting of our pres: held a week ago yesterday the pastoral relation was dissolved by mutual consent.

Mr Thomas is a native of Scotland, was educated at the University of Glasgow – he appears to be well versed in theological literature, — is sound in doctrine so far as I have had opportunity to judge and the people say is a good preacher. I have had but little opportunity to hear him preach being engaged in another field of labor in this vicinity. He seems to be abundant in labors — takes a deep interest in Sabbath Schools — has a weekly prayer meeting, and also a weekly lecture — bible classes — and preaches occasionally at night in different parts of his congregation, and indeed seems to be ready and willing when ever called upon to preach — he is an animated preacher & gives general satisfaction in this respect. He is about 30 years old. He will leave this, probably, with a wife and two small children. He appears to live in a very plain style, and will have some difficulty, as I suppose most Missionaries have, to make a common Missionary's salary support him. but will probably manage these matters about like the majority of them. He says he is rather impulsive, and impatient of imposition.

His standing is a good one in the Presbytery with which he has been connected a little over a year. I have thus, as near as I can, answered your letter.

I am yours &c

C. H. Mustard

P.S. I have not, of course, consulted him in reference to what I should say in reply to your inquiries, and he does not know that you have written to me, and will not know it.

Rev. C. H. Mustard
Lewes. Del. Jan. 14. 1852
Relates to Rev. A. Thomas.
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[MILLSBORO] [Mustard, C. H.]

Millsboro Del. Feb. 7th 1852

Dr Badger

Dr Sir,

I fear I have been deceived with regard to Mr Thomas, since I wrote in reply to your letter of enquiry respecting him some things have come to light that were unknown before, and since I left home this morning I have heard a report which, if true, and I fear it is true, will completely blast his ministerial character.

If you have not given him a commission, I beg that you will not do it until you hear from me. If you have, say nothing for I have reason to fear that he is not a much better man than the one I spoke of in my last as occupying a place in one of your state prisons.

This in confidence, until I learn the truth or falsehood of these reports.

Yours &c

C. H. Mustard

Ans. Feb 11

Millsboro Del/
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Rev. Milton Badger D.D.
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Society
New York city
N. Y.

Ansd

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Rev. C. H. Mustard
Millsboro, Del. Feb. 7/52
Further relation to Rev.
Andrew J. Thomas

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[Mustard, C. H.]

Lewes April 21st. 1852.

Dear brethren,

I ought not to have been ignorant of the fact that it is my duty to make an annual report to the Parent Society. I did not remember it however until reminded by you, and such have been my engagements since that I have scarcely had time to attend to this matter.

I am serving three feeble congregations in the county of Sussex, in the State of Delaware—Blackwater, Indian river, and Laurel. These churches were organized in the early ages of American Presbyterianism, and have been watered by such illustrious worthies as Matthew Wilson D.D. and James P. Wilson D.D. the father and grandfather of your worthy townsman the Rev. Dr James P. Wilson. Owing to various causes they have for many years past been in a feeble condition, struggling for life. It seems unwise to suffer them to die out for want of some one to watch over them and yet they are able at present to do comparatively little for themselves. The country in which they are located is poor, but the prospect is that it will soon be highly improved, and that the churches will be greatly strengthened, it seems hard to let them stop because they are poor, and not able to sustain a minister themselves,

Blackwater church has about 50 members 21 of whom are males, 29 females.

Indian river church has 30 members 11 of whom are males 19 females,

Laurel church has 12 members, only 3 of which number are males,

Our Sabbath Schools number over two hundred Scholars, Some of them have been but recently organized and the number of books in their Libraries is small,

7 have been added to the churches on profession during the past year, None by letter,

$25 dollars have been contributed to the home missionary cause during the year,

The attendance varies in the different congregations, At Blackwater say 75, at Indian rivers not above 50. at Second day 50. often a much larger number in attendance.

In this region of country the cause of temperance formerly flourished. at present it seems to be in a declining condition.

It may be known to you that ~~in~~ this whole region of country lying between the Chesapeake bay, and the Delaware bay and the Atlantic Ocean is occupied by the Methodists. This denomination have many churches and have accomplished much for this people; and yet there are many that do not feel willing to fall in with their system.

I hope the day is not far distant when some one will be able to write a report from this part of the vineyard of a much more favourable kind.

My post office is Lewes Del.

I have been receiving the Home Missionary for years.

yours &c

O R Mustard

[McClure]

Rev David B. Coe

Dear Brother — Allow me though enjoying but a limited acquaintance, to address you in relation to my very excellent & highly esteemed brother Rev David McClure, who is my next presbyterian neighbour, at Port-Penn — Delaware —

He has asked me, very naturally, at your request to furnish the Board of the A. H. M. Society, with my views of his qualifications for a field of labour in California. What I have to say on this subject will be the sincere sentiments of my heart, after an intimate acquaintance with him as a Pastor & a man — Within the 24 (years) that I have occupied my present

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Dr Milton Badger
150 Nassau Street
New York

Rev. C. H. Mustard
Lewes, Del Apr 24/52
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charge there has been frequent changes in all the Churches of our Presbytery - but among them all; and there has been many excellent men among them, there has been no Brother to whom I have formed a stronger attachment than Br D McClure - He is a gentleman in appearance, in manners & in heart; kind & affable - He is a scholar - having had a finished education & having taught a select school, for ten years in Philadelphia -

Of his piety & devotion to the work of saving souls, I think there can be no reasonable doubt - he is one of the very few young men in the ministry that I have met with, whom I found it necessary to warn against too much labour for the Church, for I felt satisfied that he would sacrifice himself on the Altar of his devotion to the Church -

As a preacher he stands ~~high~~ very fair, I have heard him preach several times, he preached two sermons in my pulpit recently, that were excellent specimens – they were sound, argumentative, close & pungent appeals to the consience, delivered with an earnestness & pathos that stired the hearts of the people —

My people were much pleased with him his own Church as far as I know – are universally pleased with him, as a man & as a Pastor, and I know they would regret to loose him —

His mind has been turned for sometime to California as an inviting field of labour – it is no sudden impulse, he has talked with me frequently on the subject, and asked counsel of God, and he has made up his mind that Providence calls him to that field — And

If he goes he will do good service to the Church, & to that new & growing State — In haste yours in the Bonds of the Gospel

James C How

If you desire any further information address me St Georges Delaware —

Rev. James C. How, St. George,
Del. 1854. 992
Recommends Rev. D. McClune.
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(Written for information to Rev: John Patton) [PORT PENN] [McClure, David]

Port-Penn, Del., June 8th, 1854

Revd David B. Coe,

My dear Sir,

I regret I had not the pleasure of an interview with you while you were in Philada during the session of the late Gen. Assembly. I sought it several times, but in every case failed.

Since reading the "Plea for California" in the Home Missionary of last month, and after hearing brother Brayton's address before the assembly on the state of that country, my mind is again deeply interested in the question of my making California a field of labor.

A little over a year ago, the claims of that country were presented to me, and I immediately acknowledged them by seeking to place myself under the care of your Society to be sent there. I was informed that the brethren sent out had not been heard from, and as it was a matter of experiment your committee wd be obliged to wait the result of that mission. The "Plea for California" tells us of the success of those sent out, and calls loudly for more to come to their help. Mr. Brayton stated the same facts, and most earnestly did he plead for laborers, who wd. be willing to engage in the arduous, yet glorious, work of bringing the active, daring, & worldly minds of California under christian influence.

Now, my object in addressing you, is to inform the Executive Committee, through you, that, after much deliberation & prayer, I am willing to be one of the number of those whom you design sending out in answer to the appeal from the brethren in California, — provided God in his providence, may make the way clear.

In thus presenting myself, a few facts of a personal nature may be important for you to know.

My age is thirty, — born, & educated principally, in Philada. I enjoy, and always have enjoyed, excellent health. I have a wife and two children, all healthy. My daughter is near seven years of age, — my ion is near four.

I am a member of the Wilmington Presbytery, and have been engaged in this field since last July, having removed here after the closing of a Young Ladies' Institution which I had been conducting for several years in Philada. I have two churches under my pastoral care, — one at Port-Penn, my residence, the other at Drawyers creek, six miles from this place. I preach regularly three times on the Sabbath, and twice during the week. During last winter, I preached regularly on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings at different stations.

Now, my desire to labor in California, does not arise from any dissatisfaction with my present duties, but simply from the conviction *that I am not spending the strength and vigor of my life to the best advantage*. My field of labor, though geographically large (14 miles in one direction), is small as to numbers. Owing to the peculiar location of my principal church (Drawyers), the Methodists have got the ascendancy, and the great aim of the few Presbyterians appears to be, that of holding on to a purer faith, with much prospect of gaining strength. So that, while my labors are great, & my people few, but very agreeable to be associated with, it does appear to me that the result must ever be small compared with the same amount of labor bestowed upon a more extensively populated and at the same time, more spiritually destitute, portion of our country.

This people would not comparatively suffer, even if my two small churches were out of existence; for there are churches of our own denomination all around us, within four to six miles distant. Delaware City is 3½ miles from Port Penn; St. George's, where our faithful brother Jas. C. Howe has been laboring for more than twenty years, is six miles from this place & the same distance from Drawyers church; & Middletown Ch., which used to be a part of Drawyers Ch., is but four miles from Drawyers. Besides, there are Methodist churches all around us. Thus I am circumscribed in my efforts, and often, very often, when the roads were bad, or the weather a little unfavorable, I have preached to ~~a~~ small bands of from four to twenty persons. — This does not discourage me. I feel that while it is a blessed privilege to hold forth the words of eternal life to but one soul, yet, viewing the great moral wastes of California, where there are so many souls who are not within the influence of the christian ministry, it appears to me that I ought to be willing to leave these highly favored regions, and go where I can spend my short life to better advantage. I am willing to labor, yea, my heart burns in its desires to do good to my fellow men, that God may be glorified.

Whether the Lord intends me to devote my life to his service in California, I know not. If it be his will, — if it be his Spirit which has exercised my heart in relation to this subject, I am ready to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." — I commit the matter somewhat into your hands for direction, after having thus given you some of the thoughts that have lately weighed upon my mind, and which influence me in addressing you at this time.

Of any merits ~~t~~ qualifications for the important field towards which my attention is now directed, I have nothing to say. Others can best speak on that subject. The Revd. John Patton, Sec. of the Philada. Education Society, knows me well; and as I have privately told him my feelings in relation to California, you can get information from him. Many of the brethren in Philada. also know me, having resided there for a number of years, and having been licensed by the 4th Pres. of Philada. But for the present, inasmuch as I have not hinted the subject to my own people, do not let any one know except bro. Patton, that I have communicated with you on the subject, lest, in case I should not go to California, it might get to the ears of my people, and thus impair my usefulness among them. You can readily see the propriety of not making the matter public, for the present.

If you think favorably of my application, I will either send, ~~you~~ or bring you the necessary testimonials from brethren of my Presbytery, & from brethren residing in Philada.

Please write me at your earliest convenience. — May God direct to results which shall be for his glory.

Very sincerely & respectfully,

David McClure.

Revd. David B. Coe.
New York

[McClure, Rev. D.]

Port-Penn, Del., June 29, 1854

Revd. D. B. Coe,

Dear Brother,

I recd. your letter this afternoon, and have written to two brethren in Philada., who have heard me preach, and, at the same time, know me. They are the only ones that I can now recollect that have heard me, — other pastors having been absent when I supplied their pulpits. I came to this place so soon after giving up my school, that few had an opportunity to hear me.

Bro. How of my Presbytery has heard me, and knows as much, about any "special adaptation" I may have for California, as any one I know. Living near me, and having considerable intercourse with him, I would rely upon his testimony. I shall therefore see him tomorrow, & get him to write you.

Rev. David McClure, Port Penn,
Del. June 8/54 989
Applies for a Commission to go to
California.

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(written to Rev. J. Patton)

Commissioned

My purpose is now pretty well fixed that it is my duty to leave this field, and my desire to labor in California has increased much since I wrote you.

Very truly Yours,

David McClure

[McClure, David]

Port-Penn, July 7, 1864.

Revd. D. B. Coe,

Dear Brother,

Providence permitting, I shall be with you next Wednesday morning, July 12th, 10–11 O'clock.

The propriety of this visit is evident, and I trust the Lord will direct our conference to the best interests of his church.

Very sincerely Yours,

David McClure

Rev. D. McClure, Port Penn,
Del. June 29/54 991
Gives references.

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[McClure, David M]

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Port-Penn, Aug. 9th, 1854.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 24th Ulto. was recd. As stated at our interview, I only waited the action of your Ex. Com. to determine my course. You have been pleased to call me, directed of God, I trust, and I can only say, "Here am I." Believing this whole matter is of the Lord's doings, I most cheerfully enter the path into which He is leading my feet, knowing my future steps will be directed.

It would aid me very much in my preparations, if you could tell me about what time you wish me to be ready to start, and also what route it is likely we shall take. I can be ready any time after the 1st of Nov. The passage via Cape Horn, except for its length, I am told wd. be the cheapest & most convenient with a family. The season of the year will also favor that route. However,

Rev. D. McClue, Port Penn,
Del. July 7/54
will be in New York, July 12/54.

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I shall be directed by your superior knowledge of these things. It would enable me to arrange many things in my packing up, if the route could be determined upon at an early period.

Although my loss on the sale of my furniture will be great, yet the care & the expense, & the risk of taking it, together with the uncertainty when and where I shall again go to housekeeping, tell me to take nothing but clothing, bed & house linen, & my library. The latter, notwithstanding I have culled from it a large number to be sold, numbers over 500 vols., which I cannot part with. This will be quite an item of anxiety & expense, yet I dont know that I ought to leave my tools behind.

I shall depend upon the market there to supply me with furniture when I shall need it. There is one article about which I must ask advice: it is our mattresses. Those we have in use are of very excellent quality, which probably cannot be replaced in California. Do you think I would do well to take this article?

Present my kindest regards to the brethren associated with you in the direction of the affairs of our noble institution.

As in my previous correspondence I have addressed them through you, so shall I continue to seek instructions of you unitedly through the same channel. If you have any thing to suggest, that will the better prepare me for the great work I am about to undertake, I would most gratefully receive it.

When does Bro. Brayton return? An interview with, or a letter from, him would be of great service to me.

Very truly,

David McClure

To

Revd. D. B. Coe,
Sec. A. H. M. S.

[McClure, David]

Ansd

Port-Penn, Sept. 7th, 1854.

Revd. D. B. Coe,

Dear brother:

I am in the midst of packing &c., and expect to leave this place about the 27th inst., but will continue to fill the pulpit until after the meeting of Presbytery. My last services will take place on the third Sab. of Oct., after which, our relations & friends claim us until we set sail.

Please inform me whether it will be necessary to be on hand at N.Y., to engage passage, select state room, &c. If not necessary, rather than give you this additional trouble, I will get my brother-in-law, Mr. Thos. J. Stewart, to attend to it. He does business in N.Y., and resides at Fort Washington.

Is there any clipper ship now in port, which will sail for San Francisco about the 1st of Nov.? If so, what name? It wd. save some expense in freight & travel, if we could sail from Philada. I suppose

Rev. D. McClure, Port Penn,
Del. Aug 9/54.
Inquiries as to the best
route, &c.

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there wd. be no objections if a vessel shd. be up at the right time. Wd. there?

I shall now need the appropriation to aid me in my necessary expenses. Will you have the goodness to forward it at your earliest convenience.

With kind regards to the brethren,
I am, very truly, Yours &c.
David McClure

Can you direct me to a suitab boarding-house during my stay in your city. I can arrange matters so as to detain me only a few days before sailing.

[McClure, David]

Port-Penn, Sept. 13th, 1854.

Revd. D. B. Coe.

Dear Bro.,

The draft, enclosed in yours of 9th inst., was recd. on Monday, & yesterday I went to Philada., and had it placed in Bank for collection.

While in the city, I made inquiries respecting the clipper ships sailing from that port, & was informed that one sailed about the 1st of every month. Although it wd. save me much trouble to sail from Philada., & also the expense of freight to N. Y. wd. be avoided, yet from further inquiries, it is my impression it will be best to sail from New York. As a general thing, you have a better class of vessels, a greater number to select from, and a greater competition, consequently, cheaper rates of fare. Then, too, you may be enabled, in your *official* character, to make a better bargain with the owners of the vessel. The *cause* for wh. the expense is incurred may touch their christian sympathies, if they have any, and *induce* them

Rev. D. McClure, Port Penn, Del. Sep. 7/54

Enquiries respecting his sailing.

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to reduce charges. I was informed that the fare by the Philada. Ships is $250.

I can be in New York, ready to sail, on the 1st of Nov. You may depend upon me at that time, if necessary. Any time after the 1st of Nov. will suit as well; but I cannot close up my affairs, make purchases, visit the people of my charge for the last time, attend the meeting of Presbytery, and spend a few days with our friends & relatives in Philada. & in New York State, before the 1st of Nov.

In the selection of a vessel, it wd. be very gratifying to my feelings, if you could hit upon one whose captain would permit religious services on board — particularly preaching & Bible class.

After the 9th of Oct., please direct my communications to me thus: Swaim's Laboratory, 7th St. below Chestnut.

Obly truly,

David McClure

Rev. D. McClure, Port Penn,
Del. Sept. 13/54
Will sail from New York.

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[Kennedy, G. W.]

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Milford Del. Decr 6th

Rev. Dr Badger
Sec. A.H.M.S.

Dear Brother,

The object of this communication is to inquire if you know of any interesting field of labor you cd recommend, as I have it in mind to leave here. I came here 6 years ago, when in a population of more than 2000 there were but 2 Presbs. I have organized a church of 6 members which has increased to 20, built a handsome Church and Parsonage almost out of debt that cost $6000!

The churches however are not able to support me. I have a family of wife four children and cannot live on the little I get here. The Comt of the A.H.M.S. think perhaps a change wd be best for me & the church though almost every man in the place has signed a petition to have me reappointed with a liberal appropriation. The Govr name was to the petition, of course the church made regular application. I cannot say I think the course of the Comt wise in refusing the application. They admit I have done a good work here, but think perhaps a change now would be best, & I submit. Perhaps the Lord has work for me to do elsewhere. My position here is rendered a little unpleasant here in consequence of no

(party Democrats)

of the Elders and two of the Trustees, becoming disaffected towards me in consequence of my advocating the Prohibitory law, and voting the American ticket. - If I were conscious of having done wrong I would say so, but I am not, I acted according to my best judgement & conscience. - Thank God the law has past and is doing much good!

I have told you very frankly the state of things here so you may see the propriety of my wishing to change my location. -

I am not particular where I go. I should like a healthy location. I was born and raised in Phil. educated at Princeton, have lived West (Ky) 14 years. - Was Pastor of the Church at Lebanon one of the largest Chs in the State - I might refer you to Drs Stiles and Burchard who knew me well in Ky. also the Presby of Wilmington of wh. I am a memb. also Drs Converse, Mr Adair, Patton, Brown Brainerd, Barnes &c Phil. —

The churches on the E. S. of Va. are anxious to secure my services - Bro. Handy is very anxious to have me go there - You will pardon me if I give you an extract of a letter from Dr Converse to Revd Mr Read of Va. "I have been acquainted with Bro. Kennedy a number of years & have heard him preach he is a good preacher."

Fraternally

G. W. Kennedy

If you can recommend any good place please let me hear from you soon

[WILMINGTON] [Jones, George]

Wilmington August 5th 1858

To Mr Christopher R Roberts Treasurer

Dear Sir

an Elderly Lady Miss Margaret Markley died recently in Philada but was formerly of Wilmington Del She has left me George Jones of the city of Wilmington Del her Executor and has left the following Item in her Will

I give and bequeathe to the Treasurer ~~of~~ for the Time being of the American Home Missionary Society formed in New York in the year 1826 the Sum of Three Hundred dollars (300$) for the purposes of said Society and for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge

The legacy is not payable untill the 8th of october next but if you will send me a proper and valid receipt to correspond with the Bequest and for the full amount of $300 dollars I will forward you my check for \$297 merely deducting the legal Interest for 60 days

I am dear Sir very Respectfully

Geo Jones

No 208 Market St Wilmington Del

Rev. G. W. Kennedy, Milford,
Del. Dec. 6/55

Is there a field vacant.

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Geo. Jones Wilmington
Del. Aug 5 1854
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R. J. Maxwell

[Jones, George]

Wilmington Augt 7th 1858

Mr H. W. Ripley

Dear Sir

Yours of yesterday was duly received Revd Mr Wiswell is now absent from our city & his family, and I have understood will be away all this month Miss Margaret Markley left to the American Bible Society of N.Y. $400 Dollars they forwarded me a receipt and I promptly sent them the check for the amount. if the money will be now needed you may as well have it as I have prepared my Self with the means to pay all the legacys

Yours very Respectfully
Geo Jones

your confidence will
not be abused

[Jones, George]

Wilmington August 10th 1858

H W Ripley Esqr

Dear Sir yours of yesterday Received with satisfactory Receipt. Enclosed you have my check marked good for $297 being less than Legacy the intrest off (60 Days) as the mony not payable untill 8th october next you will have no loss with our mony as our Banks are always at par in Philadelphia.

I am Dear Sir
yours very Respectfully
Geo Jones

Dr Sir accept of my thanks in anticipation of being a life member of your society

George Jones Wilmington
Del Aug 7, 1858
relates to Margaret Mackey
legacy

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Ansd [illegible]

Geo. Jones, Wilmington Del.
Aug. 10/58 $297.
~~Dr~~ Legacy of Margaret
Mackey.
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[WILMINGTON] [Jones, George]

Wilmington Del.^ Feby 8th 1859

H W Ripley Esqr

Dear Sir

In august 9th 1858 I forwarded three hundred dollers a legacy left to the Home Missionary Soc by Miss Margaret Mackey deceased Miss Mackey left to the American Bible Society $400 dollers to the Board of Foreign Missions $400. to the Home Missionary Soc. $300 dollers to the Education Soc of Philada $250 dollers to the Am: and Christian Union Soc $200 dollers and lastly $150 dollers to the colonisation Soc at Washington (DC) making $1700 dollers to those Six Soc: and She left $200 dollers to a very old & poor Brother Miss Mackey accumelated about $2300 by her daily labours as house keeper in not more than 3 or 4 different families and the term She served in these families occupyed about 40 years of her life these legacys have all been paid, and after paying all her funeral Expences ~~bye~~ buyin a lot in the Wilmington ^B:wine^ cemetery Erecting a moderate monument over her graves, my settlement with the Regester of Wills left in my hands $67.87. which bal: I am authorised to Expend in Erecting an Iron Railing around her lot I have assertained that it will take 50 dollers more than the bal: in my hands I have no other means to do this than to go back to those Six Soc: and ask them to refund 3 pr cent from these legacys to enable me to enclose her Remains, for She was "worthy" for whom I ask this, in her life time She was a generous contributor to those societies, and at her death She left them $1700 of $2300 that She possesd. The two first mentioned Soc cheerfully responded to my plea. Miss M has left no relatives in this neighbourhood but the above mentioned Brother & his residence is 20 miles from Wilmington I am dear Sir yours very

Respectfully Geo Jones Exc of M. M.

George Jones, Exec^{r}.
Wilmington, Del. Feb. 8/59.
Requests the Society to refund part of the legacy of Miss. Margaret Mackey.

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Voted. To refund to the Executor of Miss Margaret Mackay deceased, the amount requested, Nine dollars, for the purpose described in his communication.

[Jones, George]

H W. Ripley Esqr

Dear Sir will you be so kind as to mail regularly one copy of the Home Missionary Pamphlet. label it to Miss. M. Hamilton Wilmington I have Enclosed 50 cents in Stamps She wishes to begin with the new year so you will please send the Jany & Feby numbers

Geo. Jones

[Jones, George]

Wilmington Feby 22d 1859

Revd Milton Badger D Dr

Dear Sir please acknowledge my thanks to your Board of Directors for their kind response, to my request, for aid to Enclose Miss Mackey Lot at Cemetery the amount will be returned in some way to the Society.

I am Dr Sir yours
very Respectfully Geo Jones

[Jones, George]

Del
Wilmington, March 25th 1859

Revd Milton Badger D D

Dear Sir

I made application to Am: Home Miss: Soc, to return three per cent of a three Hundred dollars Legacy left by Miss M. Mackey deceased. my request for this small amount was to fix up her lot in cemetary your Soc: _Kindley_ & _promptly_ complyed with my request, Since then I have discovered that Miss Mackey deceased has a credit in one of our Wilmington Banks of $60 Dollars deposited over three years ago this amt was not in my account when I wrote to you, So I return you the nine dollars with my thanks to the Soc: and am sorry that I have given you so much trouble

I am Dear Sir
yours very Respectfully
Geo Jones Ex

Enclosed $9.00

Returning amt refunded 2158

George Jones
Wilmington Del. Feb./59
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George Jones, Esq.
Wilmington, Del. Feb. 22/59.
Expressing thanks to
Soc. for complying with
his request respecting
Miss Mackey's legacy.
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George Jones, Wilmington,
Del. Mar. 25/59
Returning $9. refunded.
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Mrs Willard Hall
Wilmington, Del. Dec. 14/61
Inquiring names of missionar
referred to in the H. M.

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Ansd.

[WILMINGTON] [Hall, Mrs. Willard]

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Wilmington Decr 14 1861

Rev Dr Badger

Recd

Dear Sir

In the December number of the Home Missionary there were two statements one of a Missionary in Eastern Iowa, the other in Michigan, both on the same page 198. I felt interested for both on account of their destitute condition. But neither their names nor place of labor being given, we could direct nothing to either. If you can give me the names, residence, & Post office address of these Missionaries, you will much oblige me

I should like to know whether they have children, & how many, and of what age

I should be glad to make efforts to send a box to one of them next spring if we can accomplish it. Please inform me whether they are Presbyterians, or Congregationalists.

Respectfully Yours
Mrs Willard Hall

[C.A. HARVEY]

Plymouth. Delaware
Mar. 27th 1866.

Rev. M Badger D.D.
Dear Sir

You will doubtless recall the conversation I had with you on the 22d of Feby last in relation to our Church enterprise here. the difficulties we were then encountering and also with regard to our obtaining the services of Rev. C. A. Harvey of Ill. Since then the Lord has brought us safely through our troubles and we have been enabled to get rid of the only discordant element in our church so that we are again at peace and having just recd three new members into the Church two of whom, ~~two~~ are Males we feel much strengthened and encouraged. We have reorganized our Civil Society retaining our old Church organization and we now call ourselves the "Plymouth Congl Ch. of Delaware"

We have every prospect of building up a nice village here. about a Dozen houses are to be built this summer. Nothing will tend to build us up and make our Church selfsustaining so much as to have a Pastor who has a "mind for the work" & who will take hold with us. with energy and enthusiasm. Mr Harvey has been to visit us and spent 10 days with us & preached to us six times. We are much pleased with him and are unanimous in the feeling that he is the man for us and that he can be a "power for good" in this community. Even our Methodist brethren and those who seldom attend Church at all. are delighted with him and so far as we are able to judge, Providence seems to indicate him as the man for us. Now. the question is, can we get him. We have ventured to give him a unanimous Call. We want to make this first Church of our Denomination in this State a strong one and self sustaining as soon as possible. such a man as Mr Harvey we feel. with Gods blessing can do it but an inferior preacher never can. We must have a firstrate preacher. an active man. one who will soon gain an influence and be known throughout our State and who will make himself both generally useful and popular.

We have a great work to do here: few indeed who have not explored the field realize the extent & importance of it. We have old established customs and habits to break down. bitter prejudices to overcome. ignorance and superstition. all these the fruits of Slavery which has so long blighted this fair State & degraded its people. With all the assistance our brethren at the North can give us our task will not be an easy one but we do not mind the hard work. if we can only have the tools to work with.

Mr Harvey has a large family consisting of wife and five Children; the cost of living here, is somewhat greater than at the North and will be for a year or two to come until we get things in better shape and more thoroughly systematized and until our farms and orchards begin to yield us a return for our outlay. Mr H desires nothing more than a comfortable support and we do not see how he can get along with less than $1500 for the coming year. We feel that if we can only get him here at work that we shall have constant accessions to our Church so that we shall be able to raise more and more each quarter towards his support and probably in two years time to pay the whole Salary ourselves.

We know the calls are numerous and loud for help and we do not ask for a cent more than we really need & we do not intend to be a burden upon your Soc. one day longer than is absolutely necessary but we need a lift now & if you will give it to us. it will place us on our feet at once. We feel that we deserve and ought to have the cordial sympathy and cooperation of our Northern brethren We ask it not for ourselves. but for the "Master's" sake in whose name we come to you and ask for help in this our "hour of need". Will not the "A. H. M. Society consider ours a peculiar case requiring special assistance at this time. We are straining every nerve and doing all we can: we have raised $500. towards a Pastor's Salary and as I have said, each succeeding quarter we will be able to raise more.

You expressed so much sympathy for and interest in us that we feel sure you will use your influence for us in this matter. We have made a new application to the Cong'l Union for help - will you not also give us assistance in the next Board meeting. Doubtless Mr Harvey has written you by this time on this subject; if he comes will your Society pay his expenses to Philadelphia? we can manage the rest of the distance. If you will send me a blank application we will fill it out and send to you. I suppose you have a regular form.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience & believe me

Your Bro. in Christ
A. H. Bryant
(Deacon)

A. H. Bryant
Canterbury, Del.
March 27, 1866

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Respecting aid
to the Plymouth Church—

Ans.

(HARVEY] [Bryant, A.H.]

Canterbury. Apr. 7th/66

Rev. Dr Badger

Dear Sir

Your favor is just recd. Mr Joseph Savage and myself as a Committee from our Church will be in New York next Wednesday (DV). and will doubtless call upon you on Thursday. The Board of Trustees of the Cong^{l} Union meet on Wednesday P.M. before which we wish to appear and present our case. as you are one of that Board we shall probably meet you there and will then appoint a time which will suit your convenience. Until then I am

Yours Truly

A. H. Bryant

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Canterbury, Del.

April 7, 1866

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Will see the

Secretary in New York

[Bryant, A. H.]

[HARVEY]

Plymouth. Apr 17th 1866

At a meeting of the "Plymouth Cong'l Church of Delaware" held Apr. 16th 1866 the following Preamble & Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, At a meeting of this Church held Mar. 15th 1866 a Preamble was submitted containing charges against A. P. Monson of unchristian conduct. and whereas. it was voted unanimously to entertain the charges contained in said Preamble and whereas, a resolution was adopted at said meeting citing said Monson to appear before the Church and answer to said charges at an adjourned meeting to be held on Sat. Mar. 17th and whereas, at said adjourned meeting held on the 17th inst. said Monson did not appear and whereas, at said meeting a resolution was adopted Excommunicating said

A. P. Monson from this Church and whereas this Church has since learned that its action concerning said Monson was irregular. - Therefore.

Resolved. That the action of this Church taken at its meeting of March 17th 1866 whereby A. P. Monson was Excommunicated is hereby rescinded.

Resolved. That the clerk be directed to transmit a copy of this Preamble and Resolution to A. P. Monson.

By order of the Church

A. H. Bryant. Clerk

Public notice of the above was given in our Meeting last Sabbath

AHB.

[HARVEY]

Canterbury. Apr 24th 1866

Rev. M. Badger D.D.

Dear Sir.

I send you a copy of Preamble &c passed at our Church meeting last week by which A.P. Monson was restored to membership.

I have been waiting to get a reply from Mr Harvey before writing you and only rec^d it last eve'g. Mr Harvey will come. and you have no idea how the announcement has thrilled us with joy. he will be here in about 10 days. he leaves the 1st of May with his family and says some five families will very soon follow him. two of them have already sold out and the others are trying to do so at once. We will make out our application to your Soc. to day and send it to Bro's Hart and Hawes of Phil^a for their recommendation and they will send it to you. As all objections seem now to be removed we trust soon to be in working order and to push our enterprize forward vigorously. With a Church and a Pastor & a Sabbath School we shall feel amply repaid for all the self-denials & discouragements we have experienced during the last two years. We think Mr Harvey will be able to do much towards harmonizing the different elements here, he seems to be that kind of a man and doubtless all, unless it be Messrs Osmond & Monson will soon come in with us: these two are exceedingly anxious to sell out and go away and nothing prevents but their extravagant prices.

We are beginning to go forward with our Church again and as soon as the Cong'l Union makes our appropriation we shall put on enough extra help to finish it as rapidly as possible.

In the meantime we have made arrangements with our Methodist Brethren to use their Church a part of each Sabbath until ours is done. We shall manage to pay Mr Harvey's expenses down with his family: we are straining every nerve & doing all we can to make a success of this enterprise and we have every prospect now of success. Nothing now remains but to have your appropriation towards our Minister's support and that also of the Cong'l Union for the building of the Edifice and we will be on our feet at once. We shall take no further action with regard to Mr Monson until circumstances seem to require it. Will you not give us your assistance in these matters and taking us under your wing carry us safely through this emergency. We shall wish to have one of your Society's Secretaries attend the Council to install Mr H.

when the time arrives.

When would you advise calling such Council. the sooner the better we think. The weather is now delightful and you would enjoy a few days recreation here and we shall take great pleasure in entertaining you and showing you around this "goodly land".

I am Yours Respectfully

A. H. Bryant

[HARVEY]

Ans

Canterbury June 11th 1866

Rev. Doctr Badger

Dear Sir

We have heard nothing from you since Mr Savage & I called on you in April last. We supposed when we left you, that if the Church restored Mr Monson as you advised, we should receive a prompt and favorable response to our Application. What misrepresentations may have been made since then to prejudice you against us we do not know & of course have no opportunity to defend ourselves. We can have a kind of respect for a bold, open enemy but a "Stab in the dark" is the most despicable of all foes. It is very mortifying and disheartening to us to see wicked and designing men exerting an influence calculated to destroy us and receiving so much consideration from those to whom we most naturally look for sympathy & aid but we are strong in the consciousness of right & have no doubt the time when th

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is near when we shall have your entire confidence and when you will be as much surprised as ourselves that the representations of one factiou individual should have had more influence tha those of a whole Church endorsed by prominent brethren conversant with the facts.

Doctor Bacon occupies a high position in the Churc one of honor and influence but he is not infallible and we look upon him as having assumed a fearful responsibility in this matter.

Though entirely ignorant of our situation, wants or prospects, without once inquiring into the facts in the case and having never manifested any interes in our enterprise though importuned to do so, we se him giving aid and comfort to enemies of law and order in the church by recognizing them as "My friends and encouraging them in their efforts to destroy this Church.– Verily the Doct. had better conside Matthew 18th. 6th.– before using his position & influenc further for the destruction of this feeble Church.

The Ex-parte Council called by Mr Monson prove to be worse than a Fenian Fizzle. not one person appeared to take part in it.– some points in connection with this calling of a Council would convince you of the absurdity of the thing if you Knew them.

On the 24th of May the Church passed the following Resolution & sent it to Mr Monson. - "Resolved:- That the difficulties in the Church be referred to three referees for their decision: that one referee be appointed by the Church, one by Mr Monson and the third to be selected by the two thus appointed. - Each party to pay the expenses of its own referee while the expenses of the third shall be borne by them jointly: the referees to appoint time & place of meeting."

He paid no attention to this until he failed in his Council: he then proposed several alterations which the Ch. considered & declined. thinking its proposition as fair as it could possibly be.

This last action was had over a week ago and we have no reply from him & probably will have none. meanwhile we are pushing our Chapel forward as fast as our means will allow.

Last Sunday we held our regular Communion Service and received seven new members as many more [illegible] iguso who could obtain their letters in time for this Communion. - We are much pleased with Mr Harvey and everybody seems to like him. You can easily imagine the unpleasant state of suspense we are in as the 1st of July is near when a Quarter's Salary will be due him of $250.00 and yet we have not heard from your Soc. - Of course we should not have assumed this responsibility if you had not given us assurances of assistance.

Our record is clean & we are ready to submit it to any fair minded men. I am also anxious that my own conduct both private & official should be thoroughly examined and criticized and the more so, as I am aware that gross misrepresentations & falsehoods have been perpetrated against me. I feel that it is due to the Ch. as well as myself that this should be done. further than this we see nothing we can do: rest assured however, that all we have told you is strictly true and that we can prove it: that we are seeking only the peace, prosperity & usefulness of this Ch. and not from any selfish or interested motives as you are led to believe. Hoping to hear from you soon & with kind regards to yourself and Dr Coe I am Yours Truly Abner H Bryant

[HARVEY]

Canterbury June 28th 1866

Rev. M. Badger D.D.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 26th is just recd and I hasten to reply.

I enclose you copies of communications sent by the Church to Mr Monson touching the matter of a "Reference" and also the only reply we have had from him on the subject.

After we had restored Mr Monson and about a week after he had called his Council he asked the Church to unite with him in the Call: the Church declined to do so as they could see no reason for such a course and Mr Monson refused to give any reasons for calling a Council.

The Council was called for May 30th as we understood. On the 23d of May it was determined in Church meeting to propose a Reference which was done. (copy No 1 enclosed) The next Sunday Afternoon we found the

Please preserve and return to me papers No 2 & 3

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Canterbury Del.
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to the application of
Plymouth Church

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enclosed Notice, posted on the door of the Methodist Church and took it down. The Wednesday following was the day for the Council but nobody came and finding he had failed in that: he then sent us the communication (No ~~2~~ 3.). The Church could see no reason for altering its original proposition thinking it as fair as anything could possibly be: We were unwilling to carry our difficulties into the Methodist Church for discussion and gratify the gossips of the neighbourhood unless the Referees thought best to do so: the acceptance of another amendment would be an acknowledgement on our part that there was a doubt as to who constituted the Church which we could not admit and the acceptance of another would have placed me on a level with himself and have made it appear that there was a personal quarrel between him and me which is not the case: the Church therefore replied (No. 4.) declining to accept his amendments and renewing its proposition. This was done June 5th/66. and we have not heard from him since nor do we expect to hear from him again.

After waiting about 2 weeks we thought the matter ought to be settled & closed up, so the Church passed June 17th and sent him the following resolution. viz. Resolved: That if Mr Monson declines until Sat'y June 23/66. to accept the proposition for a Reference made May 23/66. the Church will withdraw the same on that day and that the Scribe be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mr Monson.

Having heard nothing from him we consider the matter of a reference ended by his virtual refusal to unite with us in it.

Within a week past Monson has been around secretly among four of our trustees whom he thought he might influence and tried to get them to turn against us and told them if they would, how easy it would be to "smash the whole thing up" but they were not disposed to do so & told him so an the reproof he rec^d from one unconverte man would have moved him if he had been a man of any sensibility.

We are going forward with our Church and will have it ready to plaster in about two weeks: we shall hold services in it as soon as it is enclosed & the floor laid.

The ladies of Wilmington have presented us with a fine Cabinet Organ which will be a great attraction in this section. our S.S. Library has also arrived & our Bell will be ready as soon as the Church is done.

Seeing ~~that~~ we were going forward Monson & Osmond tried to make our trustees believe they were personally liable for any debts they might contract for the Ch. (which is not the case) but they only succeeded in frightening one old Gentleman who is very timid and he resigned. simply because he did not wish to become responsible and because he was afraid we would get no help from either the Union or your Soc: those men had told him so and had worked upon him so that he did not know who or what to believe. We think they have given their last Kick and will now subside but tain it is we are bound to go ahead regardless of them: it is not a little remarkable that these disaffected ones have been trying for a long time to sell their places & move away and only want the Church located on their property so that they may the more easily sell them. while those interested in the Church are without exception permanent residents and laboring for the permanency of the church. There are now no measures or negotiations in contemplation with reference to harmonizing with these people. While we all wish that we were at peace with each other. still we feel that we cannot make any advances without compromising our integrity and self-respect: we are not the aggressors and we feel that there can be no reconc[illegible]ation until those who have done wrong are led to see and feel it and this can only be done by a divine power.

We can only pray and wait for Providence to open and indicate the way: at present we think if we can get into our Church and have regular preaching and prayer meetings and organize a Sabbath School it will do more to harmonize conflicting elements and bring the parties together again than anything else. they will find us ready and willing to do *more* than our share.

I believe I have answered your letter as fully as I can: of course if I was to talk with you I could say a great many things that it is not worth while to put on paper & yet which have a general bearing upon this whole matter.

We have endeavored to give you a plain, truthful statement from the first not seeking to cover up anything that we may have done hastily or irregularly for we *know* our intentions have been pure and our conduct free from any vindictive feelings whatever.

I am Yours very Truly

A. H. Bryant

No. 1.

Canterbury May 24th 1866.

Mr A.P. Monson

At a meeting of the Church held May 23d 1866 it was unanimously Resolved: That the difficulties in the Church be referred to three Referees for their decision that one referee be appointed by the Church one by Mr A.P. Monson and the third to be selected by the two thus appointed: each party to bear the expenses of its own referee while the expenses of the third shall be borne by them jointly: the Referees to appoint time and place of meeting.

Rev. Burdett Hart was unanimously elected the Referee on the part of the Church.

Voted. That the Scribe send a copy of these proceedings to Mr Monson. that he be invited to unite with the Church in this action and communicate his decision to the Church at an early day.

By order of the Church

A.H. Bryant
(Scribe)

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Canterbury. May 1866

To the Amer. Home Miss'y Soc.
Bible House _ New York.

The Undersigned on behalf of the "Plymouth Cong'l Church of Del." located at Plymouth. Del. hereby make application to your Society for aid in the support of a Pastor.

Our Church was organized Nov. 24th 1864 by a Council of which Rev. Ed'd Hawes. Rev. Burdett Hart and Rev. R. Crittenden were members and assumed the name of the "First Cong'l Church of Del" but in Feby 1866 it was found that our "Certificate of Incorporation" had not been recorded and that we were not a legally constituted Soc. and in order to become so it was found necessary to begin "de novo".

We accordingly reorganized the Society in a legal manner and in view of establishing a Village here by the name of Plymouth it was thought best to adopt a more appropriate name We were therefore incorporated under the name of "The Plymouth Cong'l Ch. of Del".

The Church numbers 16 members

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Canterbury Del.
June 28 - 1886
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Enclosing letters from A. P. Munson, in reference to the action of Ch. at Canterbury.

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of which 8 are Male & 8 are female.

At our next Communion Season: f:
(first Sunday in June) 14 persons (6 male & 8 female) will unite with us including the Pastor (Elect) and family. In the Church & Soc. there are 18 families now here. beside these there are 7 families mostly Delawareans who attend no Church who have promised to come with us and will help more or less towards the expenses; then, there are 6 families coming from Illinois 3 of which have already purchased and other 3 are negotiating for places: there are quite a number of families of "poor whites" that will be brought in who cannot contribute much if anything. also several families of Colord persons. so that not less than 40 families will be brought under the influences of the Gospel by our organization.

We have sustained a Weekly prayer meeting in our houses for two years which has been well attended generally and we have had occasional preaching services in the Summer season in a Grove at which times our Congregations have been quite large: we think our Congregation will number from 150 to 200 persons when we have regular preaching services.

There is a Methodist Church within a mile of our Church Site which has preaching once in two weeks. At Felton 2 1/2 miles distant they have a Methodist Church and quite a large Society but strongly Copperhead: they have a small O.S. Presbyn Ch. there also of about 12 members: this Church is all Copperhead and has been closed for several months and never has preaching oftener than once in two weeks. We have called the Rev. C. A. Harvey of Ill. to be our Pastor at a Salary of $1000.00

We have done this after consultation with the Secretaries of your Soc.. and with their approval and relying upon their assurances of aid. We have strained every nerve & have raised $500. by Subscription towards his support to be paid Quarterly: the least sum therefore that we can ask of your Society is $500. which we trust you will grant. Mr Harvey has been on the Ground three weeks: we would like his Commission to date from Apr. 1st: he accepted our Call previous to that date and with the agreement that his labors should begin a that time and was only deterred from com in consequence of our not receiving at an earlier day the aid which we were encourage to expect from your Society, and it is hardly necessary to add that you are familiar with the reasons why this our formal Application does not bear an earlier date. Mr Harvey has been equally as serviceable to us by inducing 6 families to locate here - 3 of which have purchased & the others are about to do so. We feel greatly encouraged by our prospects. We have long felt the need of a Pastor and a House of Worship and this "hope long deferred" has often made us heart-sick.

We Know that we are too poor to have a poor minister but with such an one as Mr Harvey we Know success is certain. We intend to make this the Stronghold of Congregationalism in Delaware. A wide field of usefulness is opening before us, a great work is to be done. Ignorance, Profanity and Sabbath desecration are the great Evils we have to contend with while we also have old prejudices and customs to break down and overcome.

While you are sending the Gospel to extreme points in the South and aiding so liberally in its support there, do not forget those within a "Stone's throw" of you who are just as needy and ignorant and as worthy your sympathy and aid.

In behalf of the Church

A. H. Bryant } Deacon
P. C. Van Orman
J. G. Goodfellow } Trustees
J. Savage

To Rev. M. Badger D.D.
Sec'y A. H. M. Society
Bible House
New York

/over/

The undersigned, familiar from the first with the work of our Brethren in Delaware, do cordially endorse their application for aid from the A.H.M. Society and strongly recommend an immediate & favorable response from your Committee to their worthy appeal.

We believe they are true Brethren & that they have a good work on their hands. As sole representatives of the Puritan polity in Delaware they should have our generous encouragement.

We were much pleased with Rev. Mr. Harvey, who was lately present with us, in a Conference of our Churches, & we think that his influence will do much to build up the Church, both in the orderliness of its discipline and in the spirituality of its membership.

Edward Hames

Burdett Hart.
Philada.

May 22, 1866.

[Harvey] Rev. C. A.

Canterbury Del.
July 13th 1866

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.
Dear Sir & Bro.

Yours of the 10th inst bearing a Commission to me is at hand. It gives great comfort and encouragement to the brethren who compose the feeble little ch. here. Without aid they could not have given me a support, and they would have remained a feeble folk, if indeed they had maintained an existance at all. Their numbers are small, and their beginnings are made in ~~great~~ much weakness, yet there are prospects, somewhat encouraging, for the future of the enterprise. These are, however, *prospective*, for the most part.

The Plymouth Cong. Ch. of
Canterbury, Del.
apply for
$500, aid in 709
support of
Rev. C. A. Harvey
one year from April 1/66
Recd. by Revd. E. Hawes, &
B. Hart.
P.O. Canterbury, Del.

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Granted
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If, as is expected, there shall be a large emigration from the north to this point, the Ch. will not have been planted here too soon.

The advice contained in your letter is most apropos. You have our gratitude for it; and my prayer is that it may be implicitly followed, and result fully according to the desire which you express.

Although had I known before coming, ~~here~~, what could be learned only by a brief residence here, I might not have come at all, yet if in the good providence of God it shall seem to be his will that I remain and labor in this field, I shall do it with the ability which He gives, nothing doubting that He will grant great success.

But to my report.

The month of April I spent in Ill. laboring to induce a few of the right kinds of families to emigrate to this point and aid in this enterprise. As the result six heads, of as many families, have been here prospecting from Sandwich Ills. Some of them have bought, and all are much pleased, and will come, if they can dispose of their property there so as to be enabled to do so. These will, ~~be~~ doubtless, be followed by others.

I came here with my family the first of May, since wh. time I have been preaching once on each Sabbath in the M. E. Ch in this village, and holding meetings for prayer & conference every Sab. evening.

At the Communion season in June I recd to the Ch. by letter Seven persons. A few others have signified their intent to unite on the next opportun The M. E. Ch., whose house we are now occupying a part of the time, are Southern in their sympathies, and strongly pro-slavery. Of course they have no sympathies in common with us, and this renders our situation a very embarrassing one. Feeling that we could make little, if any progress while thus situated, we thought it really necessary to provide at once some place in wh. to worship, and wh. we could call home. Not being able, on account of the delay of an appropriation from the Cong. Union, to build such a house as they intended, we have commenced a chapel 25 by 41 feet, wh. is now nearly inclosed, and wh. we hope to have ready for occupancy in four weeks at most. Hence I am able to report progress. More progress during the past six weeks than this little organization has ever before enjoyed.

I have no doubt but the delayed action of the Societies, and the afflictions wh. the Ch. has suffered will ~~be~~ result in a blessing to them.

In accordance with the appropriation you have made there was due me on July 1st, the expiration of my first quarter, the sum of one hund. and twenty five dollars, which will be acceptable at your earliest convenience; for the amount that I was obliged to expend in our removal from Ill., and in getting started at housekeeping agai was so great that our needs have become rather pressing.

Yours in Fr. bonds

C. A. Harvey

Rev. C. A. Harvey
Canterbury Del.
July 13/66

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[Harvey, Rev C. A.]

Canterbury Del.
Oct 3rd 1866

Rev A. H. Clapp
Dear Bro.

On the 1st inst I completed an other quarter of Miss. labor in this field. I have but very little to report that is favorable, or cheering, compared with what may reasonably expected from a new enterprize located as this is.

It is true that during the quarter we have completed a very neet church edifice 25 × 41 feet in size, and have been occupying it for a month past. Ordinarily such an achievement wd be sufficient cause for great joy. But it affords us very little satisfaction, for the reason that the work has no been performed in the right spirit. The house, located where it is, is the product of one man's will. The society had once voted unanimously to place it on another site half a mile distant. This man subsequently, by trickery and subterfuge, broke up the then existing chh. & Society, and organized a new one for the purpose of changing the location. This was the thing on which ~~the~~ all the grave diffiiculties in the chh. last Spring hinged.

The house has been built in strife. It is plain enough that the object of this man, in pushing on the building of the house (as well as in his persistent urgency for a speedy appropriation from the A.H.M.S.) was that he might come out best in a controvirsy with others, and also to secure self agrandizement.

He has certainly carried things with a marvelously high hand.

The church feels very much like a man who has drawn an elephant; they can, as yet, under existing circumstances, enjoy very little pleasure in occupying the house. We almost fear to present to the Lord an offering which has been thus provided. We hardly know whether to call it the Lord's house, or Mr. Bryant's. For he is the man to whom I refer. You remember him by his visit to your rooms, and by his urgent correspondence for Mis. aid.

To detail the circumstances, from first to last, which have attended the building of house, as through long mo it has dragged its tortuous way, would be to tell a story of wrangling, & crimination, & recrimination, the end of wh. is not yet.

The consequence, so far as ~~the~~ respects the house, has been delay, sometimes the work stoping altogether for weeks, and the cost in the end fifty per cent more than it should have been.

Mr. B^{s} motive has doubtless been to build up a village rapidly, and ~~thus~~ also to greatly enhance the value of certain lands, by inviting northern emigration. And one of the most effectual instrumentalities for doing this wd be the establishing of a Cong^{l} chh.. This wd naturally create a wake in the current of public sentiment & sympathy at the north, on the waves of which much that w'd prove either flesh or fish w'd float in this direction.

I am now in a situation to commend the wisdom of the delay, & cautious action of the Secretaries of the A.H.M.S. in granting this Chh- an appropriation: and also to confess that they were far better informed of the true status of the field than was I. It was not long after I had a residence here that I became convinced of the very unwelcome fact that I was the victem of a stupendous deception. I think I took occasion to intimate in my last report that, had I known before coming here, what I then knew, I should have come. The fact is, I have never, in my experience, met with such a disappointment, nor been so completely sold. Very great & glowing representations, and great & tempting pledges & assurances were made to me by Mr. B., not one of which has, or can be fulfilled.

He assured me that $750,00 could certainly be raised by them here & among their friends at the North towards my salary. Greatly to my surprise, I yesterday learne that there is but $94.00 actually subscribed. There is, however, some $200,00 more verbally promised. Mr. B. pledged himself to stand by me, and to supply the necessary funds to "put this enterprise through." At the same time he is so greatly involved that he cannot meet his pressing obligations. If all his liabilities were urged for immediate payment, my belief is he w'd be bankrupt. He promised that the expenses of my trip, when I first visited here, on his invitation, should be paid me back; and also assured me repeatedly that my moving expenses, and the pecuniary sacrifice I was obliged to make in coming here (which was about $500.00 all told) should all be taken care of by the chh. Not one dollar of it has been provided for, nor can it be, as I am able to see.

Mr. B's conduct, in matters outside of the chh., has been of that inconsistent character that the chh., without a discenting voice, have requested him to

resign his deaconship.
The chh. feel that his conduct se [illegible]
has been such, both in, & out
of the chh. as will compell them
to take further action.
It is now quite manifest that
he will make no further
contribution to sustain the
chh., since his spirit appears
to be "rule or ruin". And
there can be but little doubt
that his rule wld be certain
ruin. That is, it wld defeat
the true aim of a chh. here - the
chh. wld not enjoy the confidence
of the community, and would
be powerless for good, because
of his unpopularity, & a general
lack of confidence in him in
the community.
The chh. is feeble, has not
increased in numbers as
I was led to believe it would;
and probably will not, for some

ime, be able to support pastor with so large a family as mine. For this reason I do not see but I shall be obliged to look for another field. I feel exceedingly mortified to do this so soon. But I had been here no longer than six weeks when I feared that such must be the case. The truth is, I feel that this is no field for me. There is so little material to work with, and to work upon, that my efforts seem like beating the air. I have been restless & discontented here, while I have had such a burning desire to do the Lord's work that it has seemed, at times, as if I could hardly live unless permitted to enter a larger & more active field. Never in my life have I felt such an inten desire to labor, to spend an be spent for Christ, as I hav for some time, and do now experience.

In view of my entertainin views last spring so different from yours in regard to thi field, and expressing them with so much freedom, perhaps it ill becomes me now to ask if you are able to recommend a suitable field to me. But the vineyard belongs to our common Maste we are laborers together in it, and what can be done for its welfare, it is ours to d Could I be led to a field in a city, or large town, some of the members of my famil w'd probably be able to do something towards obtaining a support.

I would like to be able to see you, and tell you concerning matters here, what the limits of a letter will not allow me to say. Or it wd be quite as satisfactory if one of the brethren here could have an interview with you, to set all the facts before you.

I have labored, during the past quarter, as best I could under the circumstances. There was due me, from the A.H.M.S., on the 1st inst $125.00 which will be acceptable at your earliest convenience.

Your Xn. bro.

C. A. Harvey

Canterbury
Delaware

Rev. C. A. Harvey
Canterbury
Oct. 3. 1866 Del

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Mr. C.: Ansd
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[HARVEY] A.P.]

Ans'd

Canterbury, Ap. 18th /66.

To Dr Badger
& Rev'd Mr Clapp.

Messrs

Mr Bryant yesterday sent me a note saying that the "Plymouth Church" had on the 16th inst passed a vote rescinding my excommunication. He makes confusion worse confounded. I was excommunicated from the First Cong Church of D.C.! One of his members, found fault with Mr B for not making known the object of the meeting Monday eve, at the time he gave the notice sunday, to which Mr B. replied that he did not wish every body to know what he had got to do. Thus he thinks to make amends for his evil deeds, & calling such a flagrant act an "*irregularity*".

Report says *the reason* for my being taken back is that Mr Bryant has the promise of the "pieces of silver" from Dr Badger on condition of my being thus received again in to the church!

Also that Mr Bryant had "hard work to convince Dr Badger but at last succeeded".

Now I had your word for it that there "must be some *adjudication* before" the fund could be forthcoming and *I rely on that*, rather than any of Mr Bryant's stories. We are informed how he has misrepresented the lay of the land at this R R Station, also that he himself is *not* interested landwise as to the church site! That is very far from the truth. It is generally understood here that he holds 50 acres of land in another mans name near his intended church site and has been trying (it is said) to trade for 50 acres nearer still, but he _is interested_ in his own farm, deny it though he may.

Enough of this.

We are preparing to call a Council, having this day sent a note to Mr Bryant, & whoever may think themselves to be members, inviting to unite in the call

Will Mr Clapp be so good as to write & let us know if there would probably be any objection to setting the 24th of May for Council to meet?

Also please give me the address of Mr Taylor of South Cong Church Brooklyn

of Rev Lyman Abbott of N.Y. Dr Bacon referred me to them — though he spoke of Mr Abbotts not being settled yet.

Of George W. Bacon, of Orange N J I believe?

I suppose it is useless to ask Dr Bacon or Storrs in the case.

Rev Mr Hawes of Phil and Rev Mr Johnson of Baltimore I think of writing to but I feel that these Maine men are not like Mass & Con. men. Rev John Boynton of Phipsburg Maine is one of us here & I find his ideas are rather peculiar on many points.

Respectfully Yours,

A P Monson.

Also

A. P. Manson
Canterbury Del.
April 18. 1866

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Concerning a Council in Canterbury & the difficulties in the Church

Ans

[HARVEY] A.2.]

Canterbury Kent Co Del
May 3d /66

To Rev Dr Badger

Dear Sir

We are surprized to find that Mr Hervey is moving here with his family to settle this week & seems likely to be installed preacher for Mr Bryant. It must be that Mr B is in this making a desperate move & intends to pay for the services himself. Will you be good enough to let us hear from you on the subject?

Our oldest heads here think
Mr B. is deceiving his friend
greatly in the matter.

We have this day sent
off our letters to seven
churches for a Council.

Mr B refuses to call with
us a Mutual Council, and
has most unreasonably
attempted to delay our move-
ments in the matter leading
me to suppose he might
consent to it, when I have
evidence that he strongly
opposes it, saying "there
is no need of a Council"

and that too when at least 12 church members refuse to attend his meetings because of his conduct, and many non-members are also driven away & very many disgusted with Congregationalism, and with Christianity itself in consequence.

A man who with a minister at his right, and a minister at his left to guide him, and Dexter in front of him. can not amputate a member in a more "decent & order"-ly manner than he did will not avoid, many a breaker.

Was such a thing ever heard of as getting a minister at a salary of 12 to 15 hundred dollars per year for so few & no church to meet in!

Yours Truly
A P Monson.

A. P. Monson
Canterbury, Del.
May 3, 1866

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Respecting aid to the Church in Canterbury
— Carried —

[Monson, A.P.]

Canterbury Apr 21st

To Revd A H Clapp

Dear Sir

Your favor this day rec'd; am very much obliged.

The necessity for a Council in our case existed long before my excom'. The irregularities of Mr Bryants lead and the high handed "Lording it over Gods heritage" &c requires correction, to say nothing of the abuse I have suffered as an individual.

I see he has succeeded in
convincing you that all is
"harmony" about him.
So it is when eleven* old
congregationalists are driven
out of his meetings.
Men & women who know too
well the effects of yealding,
to even so small a tyrant
as this ninth of a man.
The church now but for
his rule, would have twice
its present membership and
a meeting house besides.
I'm not accustomed to call
names, but I know he dese
some & he'll get them too i

*is nearly double this number, he has about him

In reply to my letter to him
to unite in calling the Council,
he replies this day, (hoping
to evade & delay) that I must
give my "reasons for" the need
of it. I stated in note,
"to enquire into th uses
of discord in our ch."
The old serpent
Deacon Murray if
a church at this st
better go off & have a
selves" "We don't n
cil, we are all in har
That is a lie in his
It is not "reasons"
is evasion & dela

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to submit to,

question & call Council

dless of cost.

Yours Truly

A P Monson.

I have made one mistake above

instead of 11, for three were Presby

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A. P. Monson
Canterbury, Del
Apl. 21. 1866

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In reference to
Mr Bryant, & affairs
in the Church at C.

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[Murray, N. A.]

Canterbury April 25th/66

Mr M. Badger

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 19th is at hand and contents received special notice. And 1st you wish me to inform you what is the condition & prospects of the Congr Church lately formed in Canterbury Del.

I am sorry to say they are at present any thing but flattering unless the difficulties that now exist can be adjusted in some maner.

2d The nature of those difficulties their Causes & how far they are likely to affect the future groth & prosperity of the Church. The nature of the difficulties as near as I can learn were something like this Mr Bryant seems to have come here with the ways and modes of the Presbyterian Church and taking the Management of affairs into his own hands did not Consult the other members enough to give satisfaction to those who had been trained in the school of Congregationalism and hence discord Commenced and has been on the increase untill as you know Mr B. Excommunicated Mr M. from his church. The principle cause of the difficulties is I think a want of a Christ-like Spirit instead of an overabundance of the Spirit of speculation on the part of Mr B especially and perhaps Mr M is not entirely free from the Charge although he Mr M is ready and wishes to have an investigation. Whilst Mr B says that he does not want any I spent some time not long since with Mr Bryant trying to have him refer the case to a Council of Cong Ministers but he refused entirely. The effect it is likely to have on future growth & prosperty of the Church

depends very much on the mode of
settling these difficulties. And I see of no
way but to submit them to a Council
of Cong. Ministers if they cannot be settled
in some way so that there may be some
more harmony. the future prospects of the
Church are Meager in the extreme. but if
there could be a settlement of things so that
all could come together there might be a
very pleasant and flourishing Church in
Canterbury As it is Mr R. has his Church
Consisting of about Seven or Eight Members
that now are in the habit of worshiping
with him but not perfectly satisfied
with his one his one Man power, &
there are some eleven or twelve professors
of religion and Members some of the first
Cong. Church in del, and others that would
join if there was a proper spirit shown
towards them, who are Proscribed by
Mr R. and told that they had better
build a Church edifice for themselves.

and Seven of these are persons
who have been trained in the
school of Congregationalism.

3d qr. What are the prospects of their gathering
a Community around the spot where
they *now* propose to erect a House of Worship
&c How much of a Village is there *now*,

My opinion is that the prospect is
not very flattering. it being situated
not more than 1½ miles from the
flourishing Village of Felton and
½ mile from Canterbury Station at
Which place there is at present a steam
Sawmill. a Store and Several dwellings
I have asked the opinion of men whose
business is to buy and Sell property, and
who are acquainted with the Country &
they say that there is no Chance for a
Village at What Mr Bryant terms.
New Plymouth as to the Village there is
none at present except on paper,

Fourth qr any suggestions as to the Modifications with which we should receive the statements of either Mr B. or Mr M so far as I have had an opertunity to judge I should give the preference to Mr M. for good reasons which if I could see you, could make plain

5th Do you think their proceedings by which they Excom^{d} Mr M were orderly & that there was occasion for such action.

I had some conversation with Mr B in which I told him I ~~thought that~~ he was not doing in accordance with Cong^{l} usage. I thought so then and think so still. I also think was not the least occasion for the action. A good Man who attends Mr B. Meetings said that Mr B. said that he Excomm^{d} Mr M becaus Mr M had tried to get him turned out of his ~~of~~ Office as Deacon & Clerk.

Thus you have my views in regard to the several questions that you have propounded to me to which you are welcome. Hoping that you may arive at the truth in the matter and not spend any of the funds that are designed for the upbuilding of the Redeemers Kingdon for the furtherance of any Speculating scheme I remain Your Obt Servant in the Lord.

H. O. Murray.

[HARVEY]

Camden Delaware Feb. 25th 1867

M. Badger. D.D.

Dear Friend. At the request of the Society of Plymouth Congregational Church near Canterbury. I send you this letter in relation to the troubles that exist among us. We are aware that Rev Mr Harvey of this place has called with you and informed you of our affairs and given you his opinion of the cause and cure of our difficulties
The Trustees also have sent you a copy of some resolutions passed by the Society & Trustees of Plymouth Cong^{l} Church and requested you to make a reply. We have waited patiently for an answer but none has come yet. We are told however that the resolutions were forwarded to Mr Harvey. There is something unaccountable mysterious to us in your not answering the Trustees. The Society met last Tuesday and talked this matter over and as I was a disinterested person not having any connection with the quarrels any more than as a member of the church they requested me to write to you again. Now Sir as a member of this little church, as a most thorough Congregationalist one that feels most deeply for the welfare of this church I would most kindly invite your attention to our cause. The quarrels in our church originated in some transactions between Mr Harvey

Del. H. A. Murray
Canterbury, Del.
April 25 — 1866

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Condition of the Col'd
School in Canterbury
A. H. Bryant &
A. P. Moulton —

and a Mr. Bryant one of the deacons of the Church. As I understand it they are the principal parties in it. but by this time there are two or three others members more or less interested For some time we have been discussing a plan to settle these difficulties and try to reconcile the two parties. Some were in favor of calling a council and — refer the matter to them others thought it best to hav them settled by the church. While this matter was talked over the party in favor of the Church settling them very abruptly called a church meeting an that when some of the members favoring a counci were absent from home Whether this was done to take advantage in order to obtain majority on their side I could not say but I must admit that it looks suspicious to say the least.

Well the question came up whether Mr. Bryant sho have a trial before the church or a council. It wa decided to try him before the church. Now as a friend to both parties having kept aloof from — interfering with their quarrels I would say tha I believe the fairest and most proper way of — settling our matters would be by a council. Ther are very serious and important charges brough against Mr Bryant but as is always the case in quarrels there are two sides to this he has stron evidences to clear himself and all he asks is to have a council of disinterested persons to sit as judges and each party to make its statement and he is willing to leave his case in their hands to stand or fall by their decision This Mr Harvey and his party oppose and have denied him As several members of our church are interested in those troubles and have publicly shown the most bitter enmity towards each other I can not see any propriety for the church to settle it. It would be like a man to sit as judge & jury over his own case When Mr Bryant saw that a hearing before a council was denied him, he made this proposition at a church meeting held one week ago. That the matter should be settled by referees The opposite party to choose one man and he would choose another and these two to chose a third I was present & heard him make this offer. It was just at the close of the meeting The other party refused to take any notice of it treated it with the utmost contempt putting on their hats and walking right out I do not have position to defend Mr Bryant or his party but I shall with my utmost ability stand by the right, by what is just and fair Let a man be ever so bad I believe he should have a fair & impartial trial. I condemn the old Jewish way of disposing of cases by the multitudes crying "Away with him Crucify him &c" I believe this man's request should by all means be granted him. When the apostle Paul was persecuted and accused of being a disturber — knowing that his own people were so prejudiced against him that he could not have a fair trial he appealed

to Ceasar and his request was granted him &c
By the custom and usages of civilized countries the blackest criminal is allowed a hearing before a judge and jurys of disinterested men. Shall we in this enlightened age, at this period of the Christian era, in this land of civilization and Christianity deny this man a hearing before a party of disinterested men.

A few words in regard to the resolutions of the Trustees a copy of which was sent to you Mr Harvey was in the employ of this church as pastor He appeared to be quite successful and every thing went on very well till some time last summer he got into difficulty with the above Mr Bryant. Matters were left to run on hoping that the parties would become reconciled soon and the trouble ended But instead of that the breach widened the strife became more general until it now threatens the life of the church very seriously. As Mr Harvey was so involved in this trouble the Trustees after due deliberation thought that whatever capacity for good Mr Harvey possesses his usefulness to this church was at an end that it was best for him and the church to change his field of labor. Again they did not approve of his course for some time back and considered he had violated the rules & customs of congregationalism. Last fall he absented himself for some five or six weeks, he went without consulting the church or obtaining its consent was gone know not where nor on what mission When he returned he was asked to make a report; he did so to this effect He said he went away on his own responsibility to collect money for the payment of the church debt; that he had received pledges from several societies & individuals for enough money to pay off our debt on certain conditions one of which was that our difficulties would be settled. He did not mention any thing about money received from any church or Society. Soon after the Trustees sent a notice to some of the newspapers stating that Mr Harvey was not authorized by this church to collect any money or to represent our cause abroad; Since that time Mr Van Ornam Pres of the Board of Trustees received a letter from one church stating that they had collected the sum of $20, and had remitted it to Mr Harvey and hoped it was appropriated to the right purpose We as a church have not received this or heard any thing about it These and some other minor matters are what prevailed on the Society and Trustees to discharge Mr Harvey

These troubles are a source of vexation to us Having come here from the North strongly imbued with the principles of the old Puritans and genuine Congregationalists we are mortified to find our little band so divided in strife and quarrels The people here are already too much disposed to point the finger of scorn at Northerners and to ridicule their attempt to establish things in church or state that conflicts with their old customs and usages. And we do hope and pray that this first attempt (feeble and unpromising as it is) to build up a Congregational Church in Delaware will not be a failure. Brethren of the Home Missionary Society we need your counsel and advice treat us not with silent contempt We would suggest that you send us some good man; call him a missionary if you please, to ascertain how matters are with us. He may possibly provide a way to settle our difculties A proposition from an outside may be acceptable to both parties. Can yo not send us some Paul or Apollos that wil weed out the evil one from our midst an plant and water this little vineyard that i may thrive and flourish and bring forth fruit to the glory of God. Please reply to th letter as soon as convenient. You can addr to Mr Van Orman Canterbury or to me –

I am dear Sir Yours Truly

Daniel Davies
Camden
Kent Co Del

Daniel Davis
Camden Delaware
Feb. 25 – 1869

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Respecting the difficulties in the Plymouth Cong. Church Canterbury –

Ans.

Thos. G. Goodfellow
Canterbury Del
Feb. 1869

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Incloses a petition in defence of Rev. C. A. Harvey, signed by members of the church

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[HARVEY]

Canterbury Feby 1st 1867

To the Secy A, A, M, Soc

Dear Sir

Please receive the enclosed certificate coming from Mr Harvey friends & eminating with them. to help to forever set at rest the vile slanders of his seven (7) enemies. The Church dose not join in this. but have reserved their name [illegible] for future use. in vindications of our beloved Pastor in refference to the notices that appeared in public print

Permit me to give you a few facts in refference to our church but more particular of the recent action of the society & the board of trustees ~~in reffe~~. Our church has been in trouble internally & in bad Odor externally ever since its organization. Democracy &

despotism has alternately had the
sway the life-given principles of
American institutions has had to
pale before the audacious front of
tyranny & Popedom. The great principle
of liberty &c have ~~been~~ violated. Freedom
of speach has met with scurrility &
threats of expulsion from the community
And the work of our Lord & master has
become a secondary consideration with
the all engrossing subject of honors
& emoluments. with the parties that
now rule in the secular affairs of
this church. In all ages the Church &
the devil have been at war. so it is now
It almost seems as if ~~the~~ offencive action
of the trustees was necesary to awaken the
church from the apathy or the want
of moral courage. that in it was apparent.
a morbid state of feeling had crept
upon us. a dread to grapple. with
the enemy. when he assumed an attitude
of defence. a fear of man rather than
God. But thank God the Rubicon is
passed. the Church is buckling on its armour
there is a quaking in the enemy's camp
& deliverence is near Excuse me
for taking up you valuably time
Our Pastor & Brd Savage have
gone to New York they will lay
the case fully before you &
your Christian body. We want your sym-
pathies & advise. which I feel we have
and shall receive from time to
time

I am My dear Sir yours in
Christian fellowship
Thos. G. Goodfellow

[Harvey, Rev. C. A.]

Camden Del.
Jan 23 /67

Rev A. H. Clapp
Dear Bro.

When I wrote you last I stated that nothing of importance transpired at a late meeting of our Society. The day after it took place, one of the trustees gave me a report of it, in reply to my inquiries, which quite deceived me. He gave me no intimation of what took place, nor did I have the slightest hint, until I received from M W. Whipple Sec. of the A. M. Asn, a document written by Bryant's own hand & signed by one VanOrnam, & one Allen.

I now write in haste to say that the paper is a series of falsehoods & misrepresentation. It puts language in my mouth wh. I never used, & makes me represent the Cong'l. Union & the Home Miss. Soc. as imposing certain conditions on this chh. & Society, as the basis of their appropriation, which I never did. I reported to them that the only conditions on wh. the "Union" wd make an appropriation are that harmony should be restored, & there should be unanimity of action.

I was careful not to compromise the societies, any further than this. I said to them that one of the conditions on wh. other pledges could be obtained was that A. H. Bryant should have no part in controlling officially the interests of the chh. that I could control those pledges, ~~and~~ my conscience &

sense of honor w'd not allow me to influence an amount of money to be squandered. Or what w'd be worse, to be used for purposes quite the opposite from that for wh. it was donated. Which I think w'd be the case should this board of trustees get those funds in their possession. It w'd strengthen them in an effort to prostitute the chh. to a merely speculative end.

If you have not already replied to their communication, and you will have the goodness to delay a reply until I can write you again, wh. will be in a very few days. I think it will be well to do so, & will oblige me.

Your Yr bro.
C. A. Harvey

Rev. C. A. Harvey
Camden, Del. Jan
23. 1867

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In reference to the
action of church
at Canterbury

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[Harvey, C. A.]

At an adjourned meeting of the Society of the Plymouth Congl Church of Del. held at the Church. Friday Eve'g Jan. 11th 1867 the following Preamble & Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas: This Soc. did in Mar. 1866 extend a Call to Rev. C.A. Harvey to become Pastor of this Church and Whereas: the said C.A. Harvey did accept said Call and entered upon the duties of his office but has since declined to be installed Pastor of this Church and has for several months been seeking another field of labor & has made proposals to other Churches to become their Pastor and Whereas: in Nov. last he absented himself for nearly five weeks from the place and upon his own responsibility, without any authority made representations abroad which were detrimental to the Church and Neighbourhood & on such representations professes to have collected funds and recd promises of assistance sufficient to extinguish the debts of this Society but persistently refuses to give any candid or satisfactory a/c of the same though requested to do so, first by the Society at a full & regular meeting held Dec.

14th 1866 and second, by the Board of Trustees at a meeting held Dec. 22d 1866 and Whereas: he has recently removed to a Village 5 miles distant and is devoting himself to other interests than those for which this Soc. employed him & Whereas: by his inefficiency and entire want of sympathy with us he has been a damage to this Church & neighbourhood which it will take months to overcome, thus preventing its usefulness and success — therefore —

Resolved: That this Society wishes to dispense with the services of Rev. C. A. Harvey & the Trustees are hereby requested to dismiss him from their employ.

Resolved: That a Copy of this Preamble & Resolutions signed by the officers of this meeting be sent to the Board of Trustees and that they be requested to forward a copy of it with their action thereon to Mr Harvey and also to the A. H. M. Soc. — the Amer. Cong'l Union and the Amer. Missionary Association.

P. C. Van Ornam Chairman

S. C. E. Allen Sec'y

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Plymouth Cong^{l} Church of Del. held Jan. 11th 1867 six members being present and but one absent, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That, in accordance with the wish of the Soc. as expressed in the within resolutions:- the Rev. C. A. Harvey be & he hereby is dismissed from the employ of this Board of Trustees and the Clerk is directed to forward copies as requested in within resolutions of Society.

P. C. Van Ornam Chairman
S. E. Allen Sec'y

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Plymouth Cong^{l} Church held Jan. 14th 1867 the following action was taken.

Whereas: At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Church held Dec 22d 1866 Rev. C. A. Harvey represented to this Board that the Sec'y of the Amer. Cong^{l} Union had told him that so long as A. H. Bryant was connected with this Church the said Cong^{l} Union would not give it any assistance and further. that said Secretary said "he was satisfied by the Letters of the said Bryant that he was a bad Man" and Whereas: it was also represented that the A. H. M. Soc. would withdraw its support unless said Bryant was removed from all influence in this Church and Whereas: said Harvey represented that other conditions were also made but refused to make them known to this Board. therefore,

Resolved: That it is impossible to comply with the above condition.

Resolved: That we have entire confidence in Mr A. H. Bryant & can testify that from its organization to the present time he has been the constant and untiring friend of this Church & has laboured faithfully for its peace & prosperity.

Resolved: That Mr Bryant is in no way responsible for the difficulties in this Church but has sought to avert them by every means in his power and we regard the attempt made by Mr Harvey and others to injure his character. as wicked and deserving the censure of all honorable persons.

Resolved: That the A. H. M. Society & the Amer. Cong'l Union be requested to inform this Board as soon as convenient if they authorized Mr Harvey to impose the above condition or any other's upon this Society.

P. C. Van Ornam — President

Trustees

[Harvey, Rev. C. A.]

Camden Delaware
Jan. 17, 1867

Rev. A. H. Clapp
Dear Brother

My report I have delayed a little until after a previously appointed meeting of our society, & also one of the Chh., should take place, thinking that there might be something to add, or at least something more definate. But nothing of moment transpired to affect my report, wh. is not what I hoped by this time to be able to make it. During the quarter four have been added to the chh. by letter.

I have been permitted to see a man, with whom I have labored some time, & also his wife, come to Jesus. They have set up a family alter, & give promise of a consistent Xn life.

Canterbury Del –

Jan – 1867 –

C. A. Harvey

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Resolutions of Society

and Trustees – .

As their family, & all their associations are with the Methodists, they will be likely to unite with that chh.

If my own people are in such a state as to cause the Spirit to tarry at a distance, the Lord is giving me the confidence & affection of the Methodist brethren, ~~here~~, and permitting me to unite with them in a series of meetings wh. they are holding here. This is the second week they have been in progress, & they have called upon me to preach half the time. What the result may be, I can form no opinion. Their chh. has been fearfully distracted by the spirit of rebellion.

On my return from the north I found that Bryant had taken advantage of my absence to work all the mischief he c/d. In order to keep matters securely in his own hands, he, last spring, secured the adoption of a constitution providing for seven trustees, three of whom might be persons not connected with the chh., and prohibiting any one from voting for trustees until he has been a member four months after subscribing to certain articles. Three of the trustees are hard shell, copperhead, Baptists; two of them brothers in law, the third father in law to one of the others. These are all land owners in "Plymouth", (?), near the present location of the chh. Bryant, by being zealous for a village there, & by cooperating with these three men to that end, secures their aid in the management of the temporalities of the chh. as he pleases. With their aid he deposed he deposed from the trusteeship a member of the chh., who is a good true man, because he wd not work with them in their schemes, & put a man in his place who would. This gives B. a decided majority in the board of trustees, who are determined to prostitute the chh. to a purely worldly policy. Indeed, they appear to utterly ignore anything like piety, or a spiritual interest as identified with it. Here is the anomaly of a chh. not being able to control its own affairs, but being controlled by those who are hostile to its true interests, & its complete antipodes socially & politically. The man who, next to B., (if such an exception shd be made) exerts the most influence among the trustees, never enters a chh. or attends a religious meeting and had the reputation of being a hard drinker. This man has already had the audacity to propose to some of the trustees that they dismiss me & employ a Baptist minister.

Anxious as I am to see the debts paid, I cannot recommend that one dollar be so appropriated until the chh. can have control of its own affairs. This, I hope, can be brot. about, by a revision of the constitution, & at the annual election in March.

If the chh. can gather strength enough to dissolve its connection with the society, it will free itself from that incubus. I do not like societies. There are so many cases where they work badly. It is a question with me whether they do not, on the whole, work more of harm than good.

I supposed that when I returned from the north enabled to say to our society that provision was now made for removing all the financial embarrassments so soon as the wishes of the chh. should be allowed to operate touching matters vital to them, that there wd be a potency in this consideration wh. wd overbalance every thing else. And this wd have been the result, only for the intriguing of B- to defeat it.

The expectation was that he wd leave here in Nov. last. But it appears that he remained during my absence to do this wicked work. He has at last removed, to Wilmington, it is said. He took his departure on the 14th inst. He will, in all probability, at no very distant day, be placed in a position to do this afflicted chh. &

community no more harm. The chh. has entertained charges against him, upon wh. he will soon be tried. We have borne long & patiently with him. And, presuming on this leniency, he has conducted himself with a reckless audacity wh. he evidently thought wd so intimidate all concerned that he wd come out master of the situation.

I am a great sufferer by this man. And if any poor mortal is in a situation needing sympathy, I am the individual.

When I came here B. desired me to occupy an old house, belonging to his brother, until something better cd be provided. He said he should charge me no rent for it. On the 1st Oct. he served a notice of ejection upon me, to take effect Jan. 1st, wh. is the shortest time, under the laws of this state. In Dec. he sent me a bill for rent at the rate of two hundred dollars pr. annum.

All the rent that was charged the tenant who occupied it before me was the insurance. It is scarcely habitable in cold weather, & I ~~don't~~ am told that no man in the neighborhood wd testify that it is worth fifty dollars a year.

Several days before the 1st of Jan. he attempted to distrain for the rent, & sent a constable to the house for that purpose. When this officer learned the state of the case he said he wd have no more to do with it - that it was so outrageous a case that if B- wd give him a thousand dollars he wd not touch it.

Not being able to find a suitable house in Canterbury, I was obliged to move to this place, wh. is five miles from Canterbury.

After our removal, B- came to Camden, one evening, bent on carrying out his determination to distress me. He found a constable in the barroom of a hotel, & there, in the presence of a room full of men, such as frequent barrooms, told him, in a loud tone, that he wished him to serve a writ of attachment on my goods - to put it through & he wd give him all the security he wanted - that I wd attempt to put him off, but that he could not believe a word I said.

The constable came with his attachment, but when he came to learn the state of the case, went away without serving it.

Whether it will be served, & B. succeed in distressing me. I do not know. The laws of this state allow a landlord to follow goods for forty days after removal, & to sell everything without exemption. B. leaves no resort untried to effect my ruin. He talks & writes. Some time since a friend sent me a letter from Ill^s- wh. B- had written him, I showed it to an eminent lawyer in Dover, who says it is libelous, that I could indight him on it, & doubtless obtain judgment for heavy damages. But I do not wish to resort to law. "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle to all men".

After his fair representations, the pledges he made, the urgent means he used to get me here, & after gaining possession of all my money, this treatment appears to me very cruel. And then the holy airs, & pious cant he employs reminds one forcibly of the truth that "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light".

I am suffering both in mind & estate. For my chh. is unable to fulfill its pledges to me. On the quarter due me Oct. 1st they paid me but $65.75 - 3.75 of wh. was not money. And on the quarter due 1st of Jan. but $20.00. Only $82.00 cash during six & a half long months. I need not say, that with present high prices, the times when our larder has not been too well supplied, are not seldom.

I wd most gladly be relieved from these multiplied distresses by escaping from them. This I wd gladly have done last summer. But much as I desire to escape suffering I will not run away from duty. Yourselves, & a number of other brethren whose wishes & counsel I cannot disregard, expressed the hope ~~that~~ I wd remain & see either the end or the establishment of this chh..

I long, however, to see the end

of this terrible suspense – and unless it terminates soon it will be impossible for me to endure to the end; for absolute want will soon be staring us in the face.

But I am boring you with too long a letter. I do not wish to earn for myself the reputation of a croaker. But should I keep silence "my bones wax old thro' my roaring all the day long". Remember I am here alone, with none to whom I can vent my griefs –

Your bro in Christ

Will write

C. A. Harvey
Camden
Delaware

P.S. There was due me from the A.H.M.S $125.00 ~~for on~~ on 1st of Jan. for one quarters service
C.A.H

Rev. C. A. Harvey
Camden, Del.
Jan. 17. 1887

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.[Harvey, Rev. G.A.]

Camden Del.
Feb 9. 1867

Dr. Badger
Dear & Respected Brother

According to promise I send you the name of the treasurer of the Asylum Hill Congl. Chh. Hartford. It is Roderick Terry.

I yielded to the earnest request of Bro. Scofield to remain with him over Thurs. & preach for him on that night. This delayed my reaching home until last night.

My family are very much rejoiced at the manifest goodness of God in giving me a place in the confidence & sympathies of His servants in N.Y. & at the deliverence wh. He has wrought. My wifes feelings have found expression in tears of

And my own heart is constantly going out in gratitude & lifting itself up in praise to God. So that my present experience is "It is good for me that I have been afflicted".

I now see also, that in my going to N.Y. I was led of the Lord. "I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, & set me in a large place". And, "I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance, & my God"; for "the Lord is my strength & song, & is become my salvation".

Dear Bro. accept, for yourself, & also for Bros Coe & Clapp, my sincere & hearty thanks for the great kindness you have shown, & the important service you have rendered me. With the highest considerations, I am

Yours most truly

C. A. Harvey

[Harvey, Rev. C.A.]

Camden Delaware
May 19. 1867

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.
Rev. D. B. Coe D.D.
Rev. A. H. Clapp

Dear Brethren

Believing that you may be desirous of hearing how matters have developed here, I will endeavor to give you the chief items.

The first Sabbath after my return from N.Y. I was handed a notice to read from the pulpit announcing that a Baptist wd preach in the church on the following Tues. evening. On that Tues. evening, Bryant gave notice that there wd be a meeting there on the next Sunday morning, the service to be conducted by a Baptist minister, and that there wd be no Congl. service in the afternoon, as had been our custom. He also

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Rev. C. A. Harvey
Camden, Del.
Feb. 4. '67

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Address of Mon. at Hartford —

Grateful for sympathy & aid —

failing in their other tricks to stop my preaching, finally changed the lock on the door, & closed things house against us. The brethren, and others present, among whom was a democratic justice from Felton, who had contributed $25,00 towards the building, were bent on effecting a forcible entrance. But I said to them that the weapons of our warfare were not carnal, & advised them to desist. Whereupon the chh. members present voted to accept the offer of the Methodists and worship in their house every Sab. A.M., which is our present arrangement.

Feeling quite satisfied, from all we could gather, that Bryant was determined to carry the election of trustees, & reelect the same men, by foul means, if he could not succeed by fair, we took counsel from the best lawyer in Dover, who said that we could not prevent B om bringing in any number of en, even from a distance, upon eir paying twenty five cents each into the treasury, and making voters of them. He advised, as the only way to get matters into the hands of the Ch., the presentation of a bill to the legislature, wh. was then in session. Accordingly we presented a bill, wh. wd restrict the voting in our Ch. & Soc. to the *Ch. Members only*. It passed the Senate unanimously but in the House it was a tie vote, & hence was lost. It wd have passed the House easily had not B., who was at Wilmington, been telegraphed to respecting it. His lawyer in Dover induced some of the members to move a postponement until the next day, wh. gave B. time to reach here and work against it. By resorting to the most desperate measures he secured its defeat only by a tie vote.

This was but the day before the election was to be held. On the afternoon, of the day of the election, we held a chh. meeting at the house of Mr. Savage, where it was decided that, all things considered, it wd be the wiser & better course not to attend the election. An effort to elect, as trustees, those only who were members of the chh., wd lead inevitably to an unpleasant collission; and more than likely to a disgraceful one. Then, the house stands on Allen's land, and if we should attempt to remove it, trouble, & perhaps litigation wd be unavoidable. And further, we that day ~~learn~~ learned that a Baptist chh. had been organized a few days before, in Allen's house, and that they were expecting to buy the house. We therefore concluded that it wd be better to let it all go, and have nothing more to do with it: that this wd be a short way of extricating ourselves from that trouble. Some time ago the trustees confessed judgment on the house to a creditor, for more than five hundred dols; and we thought it wd be well for the other creditors to obtain judgments, so that in case the Baptists buy it, they wd be obliged to satisfy them before they cd have a good title.

Since this decision was made, the brethren are more & more satisfied that it was wise. They breathe freer & feel more cheerful. But it was a great sell for Bryant. He had figured, & worked, to secure the best available man, expecting a desperate struggle; and when he found no one to oppose him, his disappointment was very great. He had brought one man all the way from

Saugerties N.Y. expressly to vote on that occasion.

That the doom of the Plymouth Congl. chh. of Dd. is sealed there is no room for question.

The brethren now turn to me asking "What shall we do?"

This, I find a difficult question to answer.

They have fully resolved to vote each other letters, and leave the present organization to its inevitable fate. They wd like to organize de novo. But they wd be a feeble band, with no house of worship. They say that they wd be willing to come to Camden & and aid in organizing a chh. here, if such a thing were to be undertaken.

But there are no Congl. families here. There are two or three within two miles; and there are, perhaps half a dozen Pres. families, Old & New School, within two or three miles. Perhaps these could be gathered in, & possibly a few more from other sources.

After my return from N.Y. in Feb. I was told, by some of the most responsible business men in our village, that if I wd remain here, they wd build me a church to preach in. They said they thought that nearly two thousand dols. could be raised for that object, and mostly by those who at presant do not attend church at all. But there is no chh. formed; and should there be one, they wd be feeble for a while, & unable to do much in the way of supporting a minister.

There is a fine field here for another chh., as there is but one, a Methodist, which is much divided in consequence of politics, and not more than one fifth of the population attend church.

Sabbath desecration, profanity,

along the line of the N.Y. & Erie R.R. one at Patterson N.J., one in contemplation at Newark N.J. &c.

I have no means of learning anything about these fields except through the papers: and you know that such news always gets into the papers after every circumstance of interest to "candidates" has transpired.

Has not the time arrived, when, under the protection of the Reconstruction Bill, & the shadow of Gen. Schofields headquarters, ground may be broken for a Chh. at Richmond?

There now remain but ten days before my year expires. A very brief time in wh. to arrange for my work in the future.

I thank the Lord that I have succeeded in establishing a colored school here. One of my daughters is teacher. I am

lso establishing some Sunday
chools at their churches.
These are new things to them,
and they are very grateful for
them.

Thankful for your very great kindnesses & sympathy in my sore trials, permit me still to look to you for advice, & such aid as you may be able to render in my extremity

Yours in Christ
C. A. Harvey

[WILMINGTON] [Patterson, Rev. C.]

Wilmington, Del. Jan 21st 1869

Dear Sir

A Client of mine has in hand a small sum of money devised to the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society formed in New York in 1826 – Can you tell me who he is, with his present address. I would also like to know who was the Treasurer in 1865 – when the money became payable.

I wish also the full corporate name of the Society. An answer will oblige

Yrs &c

Rev. C. Patterson

Rev. C. A. Harvey.
Camden, Me.
Mch 19. 1867.

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What shall he do?

Ans?

[Patterson, J.C.]

Wilmington, Del. Feb 1st 1869

Rev: M. Badger
Sec: A.H.M.S.
New York City

Dr. Sir

Your favor of the 26th came to hand a day or two since. I have the case under consideration and am considering the bearing upon the devise or bequest, of an Act of our Legislature of March 1st 1855 Entitled "An Act in relation to Conveyances and devises of Personal and Real Estate for Religious purposes".

I am not aware that we have ever as yet had a construction of that Statute in our Courts, and I am anxious to procure some authoritative construction of it before authorizing the Admr D.B.N. C.T.A. to pay the money. In good time you will probably again hear from me. I am satisfied that your Society is the one meant by the Testator.

Resp'y Yours
Jno. C. Patterson

J. C. Patterson
Wilmington Del.
Jan. 21. 1869

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Inquires the address of the Treasurer or the Corporate name of the Society –

Ans.

J. C. Patterson
Wilmington Del
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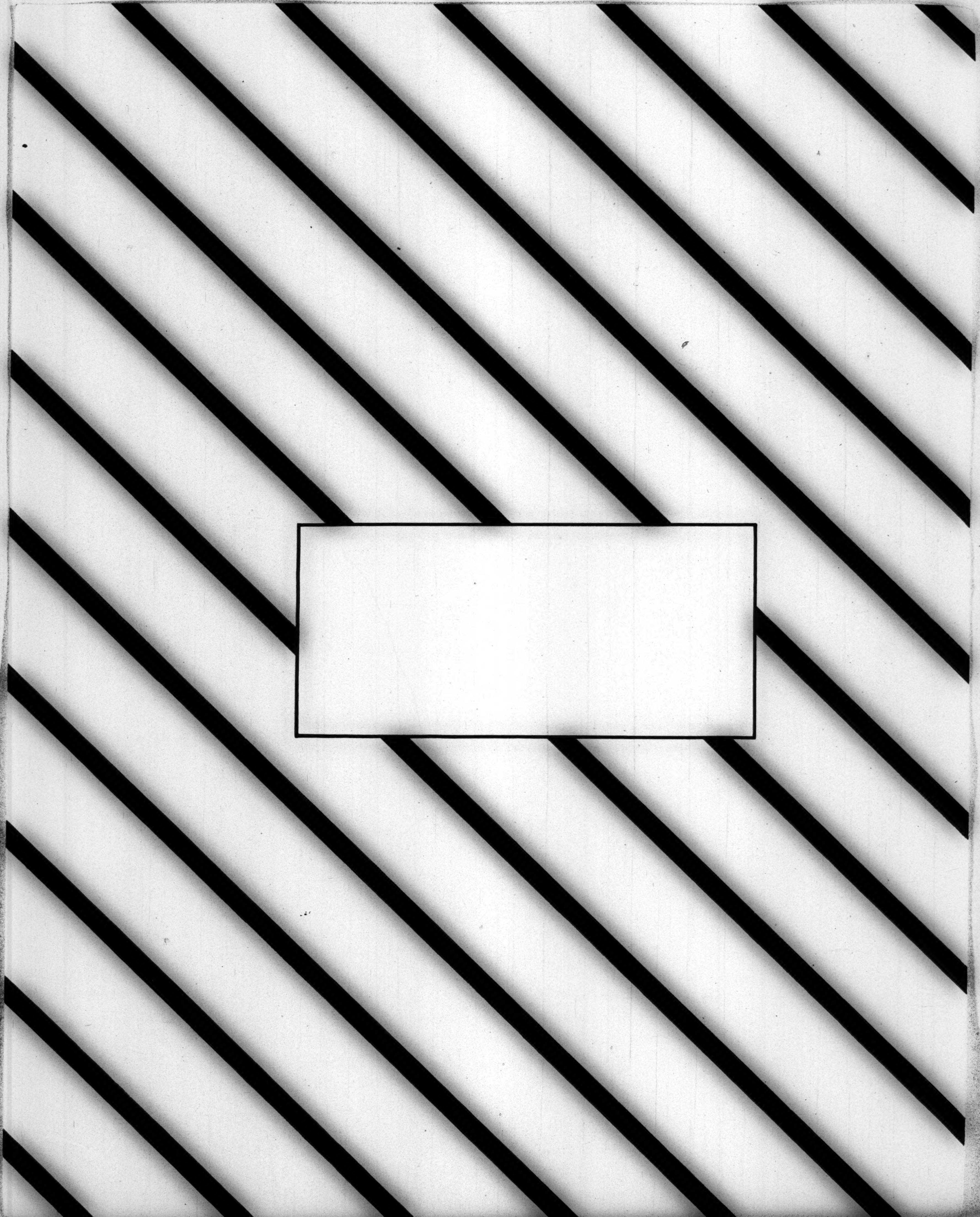

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1816-1894

SERIES I

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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[Absalom, Peter]

[WASHINGTON, DC] Washington March 28th 1826

Dear Sir

It is impossible to foresee at what time Congress will adjourn. I design to attend the meeting if my business will allow. If I should be prevented I will advise you

Yours respectfully

S Houston

[Searle, Ann]

George Town August 7th 1826

Mr Peters

Sir

A few days since the Reverend Dr Balch received a circular letter from the "A. H. M. Society," which he handed to the "Female Missionary Society of George Town" thinking that it might accord with their views to j offer themselves as an auxiliary to the National Society. We were delighted to find that God had put it into the hearts of any of our American Church, to ~~let~~ lay their limits as large as their country, & especially as we feel a confidence They are those who "will not rest till they have accom ished the thing."

The Society in this place was organiz'd eight years since, without any particular object but with a general missionary view. But about five years since, we were led, seeing the desolations around us, & observing that it was a work which no others seem'd disposed to do, to engage in domestic missions. This ~~so~~ with the exception of a support which we have rendered to an Indian boy in a mission family has since been our exclusive object. But we ~~have~~ have been able to do but little. Eighteen months

Hon. S. Van Rensselaer
Washington, D.C. March 28. 1826
Stating that he designs to
attend the next anniversary
of the U.D.M.S. & if he
should be prevented, will
advise us.

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S V Rensselaer

Absalom Peters Esq
C Sec D M Society
New York

Recd. March 31.

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been nearly the whole amount. "Foes without & fears within" have sadly hindered us. But lately I think both of these evils have decreased, & we have been for sometime determined to employ a missionary for a year, as soon as a suitable person could be found. The requisite talents we have found by experience ~~b~~ are not the most common. Zeal, Fidelity, Diligence, Self-denial, & an enthusiasm for this particular ~~of~~ object are the great requisites. In addition to these we ~~w~~ wish him to feel a tender desire for the good of the degraded sons of Africa & enter warmly ~~thoroughly~~ ~~and~~ & judiciously into the cause of the Colonization Society, & without in the least neglecting his proper business he will find many opportunities of ~~profiting~~ forwarding this all important object.

As soon as the Address was received it was ~~[illegible]~~ the desire of those to whom it was communicated to become auxiliary. ~~t~~ And to day the board of Managers resolved to ask such a favour, & by their order I forward the communication with a constitution of the Society appended. We wish to look to you to send us a missionary to labour in this vicinity & will do every thing in our power to contribute to the funds of the Parent Society sufficient to support him at least for one year. In that time if he is an acceptable preacher, & man we hope something may be gathered in the field to promote future exertions. The sooner he arrives the better, that he may get his work arranged before the winter.

With sentiments of true respect

Ann Searle

Feeling in some degree the state of the thousands who are perishing around us, without the ordinances of christianity & wishing to extend these invaluable bleſsings to them, we who ~~[illegible]~~ subscribe our names to this article agree to form ourselves into a society for the sake of promoting this bject — & to govern ourselves by the following rules.

1st Any person who pays annually one dollar into the hands of the easurer, shall be considered a member, & the person who pays at e time ten dollars, a life member.

2d Fifteen Managers shall be chosen annually who shall select n their number A President, ~~[illegible]~~ Treasurer, & Secretary.

3d The object of the society shall be to support a miſsion- y or miſsionaries, to preach to the destitute round the District Columbia, as far as our means will admit.

4th A meeting of the Society shall be held the first monday of every month, in which the state of the funds shall be reported communications recieved from the Miſsionary when one is on the ground, facilities devised for his aſsistance & such publications be read, as shall tend to inspire our minds with ardour & activity in the object.

5th The denomination of this Association shall be the male Miſsionary Society of George Town. This society hall be auxiliary to the ~~general rules of that~~ American ome Miſsionary Society, agreeably to the general rules of that nstitution.

6th The annual meeting of the Society shall take place the first monday in March

Officers for the present year
Ann Searle President
Mrs Catharine Buſsard Treasurer
Mrs Charlotte P. Eckel Secry

per order of the Board
Charlotte P. Eckle
Secry

[Searle, Ann]

George Town Oct 28th — 1826

Mr Peters

Sir

By order of the Board of Managers of the "George Town Female Missionary Society" & in behalf of that institution, I ~~too~~ sometime since addressed to you their ~~sey~~ request & resolution, relative to becoming auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society. The letter was sent by private conveyance, & as we have not yet received any answer, we are much at a loss to know how to act. You will therefore, I hope pardon this second intrusion, when I say that the situation in which we now stand prevents us from making any other efforts, & our in-action is producing a torpidity which we have reason to fear will end in death.

Adjoining the D.C. is Fairfax Co in Virginia. In this county are 15 or 17,000 inhabitants. Among them there were some short time since, & I presume now, three baptist preachers, who yet have no charge whatever, & I think are not candidates for one. & a part of a methodist circuit. This was [illegible] he

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the whole ~~over~~ then ~~[illegible]~~ & probably is now of those who in any way would bear the appellation of minister. Many black people attempt to teach but what can we expect from those who were never taught. It has been customary on some of large plantations to select a negro ~~for~~ ~~the~~ who can read, call him a minister, & set him to reading the episcopal service &c, & burying their dead, whose spirits they suppose will wander, if the body fails of sepulchral rites. Such a person has been & is now on the Mount Vernon & other estates. In the N part of this county stands a building in which once ~~was~~ assembled a presbyterian congregation & church now wholly extinct. About 6 or 7 miles from George town is a place where for several years they have appeared as upon the point of building a place of ~~wor~~ worship, & establishing the worship of God among them. But they want an impulse. Just across the river, is a meeting house, built a few years since where a missionary might labour to advantage, & by the blessing of God, without doubt, build up a small church.

Montgomery contains perhaps 20,000 persons. In the county is a presbyterian an episcopal ~~one~~ & perhaps two baptist ministers, a part of a methodist circuit a quaker settlement & one Roman Catholic church. Of these four are in very near together about the Courthouse & I was told when I resided there that very probable a great part of the inhabitants in the Northern part of the county never heard the gospel any where. In one part of the county it is thought there might be a church by an acceptable missionary gathered, & in his itinerant labours he might very much assist Mr Mines the presbyterian clergyman who nearly faints under his burden.

These two counties are the field which our Society have in particular contemplation, but all ~~[illegible]~~ is the same. The steps of spiritual desolation are visible all around us. I know not how much the F Soc. could do but I know their efforts depend very much upon their having some one engaged, & the popular [illegible] his person & measures. I know I may be [illegible] that in many parts of our country a far greater extent is destitute ~~of~~ than here; but is not the vicinity of the seat of government of some importance. And there are many objects which a missionary could assist, without going out of his way. Two bible Societies would supply him with bibles, he should not want for tracts & he would very often find a way to promote the efforts of the Colonization Society.

I think you will pardon me if I have been too importunate. I have never lost the impression which I first felt when coming from a town in N. England where I enjoyed gospel privileges in rich abundance, I was at once restricted a very small number, & saw the desolations of Zion thick around me. If you employ agents if one would come this way, qualified for his office I think he could effect much, & soon ascertain what can be done. The feeble efforts of a Female Society wd be sustained, & probably a tone given to the business ~~[illegible]~~ upon which its ultimate success would eventuate.

I write *now* as a private individual but I am sure that I say nothing in which the Board would not heartily concur & also Dr Balch our minister who of late is much more engaged in the object than I ever known him before. As Secretary you will please to address Mrs Charlotte Eckle of this place & as soon as may be consistent I beg that you will permit us to hear from you

Very respectfully
Ann Searle

[redacted] Oct. 31. 1826. Searle
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Revd. Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secretary
of the
American H. M. Society
New York
No 87 Nassau St.

TOWN D.C. OCT 31

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Knowing the effect which agents have had here & the need our weakness has of some popular measures I should hail the appearance of an agent of the right stamp among us as a most auspicious event. He could then for himself survey the ground, & form some estimate of its relative importance, & I should hope that having assurance of aid from the National Society would induce some to subscribe to the support of the gospel among themselves

[Bailey, Rev, R.W.] [AHMS]

Washington. D.C. Dec 5. 1827.

Dear Brother,

I arrived in this City in three days after I left you, & have been confined almost ever since by a febrile attack induced by fatigue & cold. I am now in usual health, & shall commence some operations in this District without delay in my agency. In the mean time, a few extra & heavy expences have made it necessary for me to raise some money without delay, & I have therefore taken the liberty to take a Draft on your Treasurer for $50, in favor of S. & M. Allen expecting soon to be able to honor it myself by some efficient aid as your Agent. I have been encouraged to take this course by your statement to me that a small outfit would be granted if needed — & if necessary I might draw on your funds from abroad. I do not need so ~~much~~ large an amount as my draft at this moment, but thought it better to prepare for possible exigencies than to risque the necessity of repeating it. I shall endeavour to make myself useful to you, & hope soon to make a better report.

With respect & affection.

R W Bailey —

Rev. R. W. Baily, Washington D.C.
Dec. 5. 1827 — Is about commencing
his Agency in the District of Colum-
bia — Notice of a Draft for $50
in favor of S. & M. Allen —

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Recd Dec 9. 1827

[Nourse, Joseph]

Washington D.C. June 5. 1827

Brother Hall,

When last in N. York, (about 4 weeks since) I promised to give to Mr Peters a definite answer, respecting my proposed mission to Arkansaw, in the course of 6 weeks. Please to inform him, that he must not consider me as pledged to go to Little Rock. At least for the present, this must be my answer to him. Several reasons have induced me thus to decide, for the time being; yet I shall not forget entirely, the claims of the West. —

On application, some time since, to the War Dept. respecting the appointment of a Chaplain at Ft. Howard the Secy. replied that there were no funds at his disposal, which he could possibly apply to such a purpose, yet he would with pleasure recommend to Genl Brady and the officers of that station, any person whom the Home Miſsionary Socy. should deem proper to send out.

I have lately received a letter from Brother Torrance. He is located at Baton Rouge Louisiana, a place, as he says containing about twelve or fourteen hundred inhabitants mostly French & Spanish Catholics. He says "I have left the Miſsionary "service, and agreed to remain with this congregation, indefinitely "as Providence may seem to direct. Butler is at Vicksburg - "he has just left me, on his return from a meeting of Presb. "at N. Orleans. Bowman (Andover) is on his way to Penna." but has "I believe accepted a Call to St. Francisville. Our meeting of Presb. "At N. O. was most interesting. A church judicatory aſsembled "there of about 14 members, - in Larned's Church too, where "we found some of the most precious souls on earth. No jarring, no controversy - but Christian affection. Our ministers whatever you may have heard to the contrary are good men, Clapp "is greatly slandered. - In reference to the destitutions of this "Country, I will drop a word or two with the hope that some " of you may be induced to come over and help us.

"south of Tennessee, and east of Alabama, exclusive of the Missionaries
"among the Indians, there are in the State of Mississippi, along the
"River at wide intervals, five presbyterian Ministers. - in the interior
"three. From a line drawn fifty miles west of Pearl River, eastward
"far beyond the line of Alabama not one Minister, (Presbyterian) yet
"the people are descendants of Presbyterians and desire the gospel -
"In Louisiana two beside myself, one at N. Orleans, which City
"in a religious point of view is as important as N. York. Another
"a Methodist. (the Episcopalian is little better than a Catholic)
"The other Minister is settled not as Pastor but as President
"of Louisiana College at Jackson 150 miles above N. Orleans. Eastward
"there is not another South of Mobile. Westward of the Mississippi
"cluding Arkansas and part of Missouri, except the Missionaries
"among the natives, not one till you reach the Islands of the South
"Sea. I speak advisedly when I say that a number of young
"men, who would come out with a determination to remain,
"would have a competent support, eventually a handsome one, and
"in a few years the good performed would be incalculable.
"The people have here seldom heard the gospel in its purity,
"but where it has been preached, the change has been surprising
— I believe that Brother Frontis or any one who speaks French

[Cahoone Jr., Williams]

New York Oct. 21. 1828.

Revd. Absalom Peters

Dear Sir

In a conversation with me a few days since, you mentioned that a Miſsionary was wanted for the district of Columbia. I have now determined that if the Executive Committee see fit to appoint me their Miſsionary for that place, to serve there for the period of six months. I do not feel willing to take an appointment for a longer time, as my stay at the South will be regulated by circumstances — my health & my prospects of usefulneſs especially. Should this appointment be made I shall be ready to leave by the first of Novr. Please to make this application for me, & permit me to subscribe myself

Yrs Respectfully Wm Cahoone Jr.

"would find an interesting field of Labour in the Parish of Nat-
"chitoches. — Dr. Chamberlain President of the College at Jackson, says
"that he would give any young man his boarding and keep
"his horse, while he would preach to a neighbouring congrega-
"tion, and receive either a salary from them or forty Dollars a
"month from the Miss. Soc.y — This part of the country has been over-
"overlooked, but is more important than the Carolinas or Georgia. The great
"objection is its unhealthiness — this has been overrated, yet tis not so salu-
brious as Princeton. — Labourers with firm faith and good spirit are wanted.

I would not have you understand by what I said above that I have determined not to go to Little Rock — only that I cannot determine, at present, to go. — My Presbytery licensed me last week. I shall probably return to Princeton in the Summer, and will come over to N.Y. — I am much indebted to you for inserting that Rev.w in the Observer, tho' I wished it would have been altered more. Remember me to Br. Mason, &— to Mr Peters.

Yours affectionately James Nourse

Rev. Charles Hall. N. York

Mr Joseph Nourse, Wash-
ington D.C. June 5. 1827 —
Declines going to Arkansaw.
Extract of a letter from the Rev
Mr. [illegible] of Baton Rouge
giving an account of the destitute
[illegible] S[illegible] of Tennessee
The Secretary of the War Department
says he has no funds which he
can appropriate to Chaplains — but
offers to recommend a Suitable person to
Fort Howard Green Bay — if the Society
will send ~~him~~ one

App. Sec. Am. Home Miss. Soc.
No. 144 Nassau St.
New York.

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[Gurley, Rev. R. R.]

Office of the Col Society
Washington
Sep. 17th 1828

Rev & Dear Sir,

At our last meeting, I was instructed by our Board of Managers to communicate to you the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That this Society does, hereby, agree to bear its due proportion of all expenses necessary to be incurred to establish the will of the late Joseph Burr of Manchester Vermont.

Resolved, That the Hon. Myron Clark of Manchester Vt, be hereby, appointed our Agent to adopt such measures as he shall deem necessary & proper to establish the said will.

Resolved, that the Secretary, be directed to inform the Executors

Rev. Wm Cahoone, New York
Oct. 21. 1828 — Application for
an Appointment in the Dist. of
Columbia —

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of the said will, & also the Secretary of
a joint Committee of several benevo
Societies in New York, named as
legatees in said will, of the
proceedings on this subject, of
this Board.

Most respectfully
Sir
Your friend &
Obt Servant

Rev Absalom Peters
Sec of a Joint
Comtte

R R Gurley

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[Gurley, R.R.]

Washington Oct 17th
1828

My Dear Brother,

Mr Orr has this day been appointed General Agent & Assistant Secretary of our Society & will therefore leave the field of labour assigned to him by your Society. Miss Searle is most desirous, & we unite with her, in her wishes, that some other able & truly pious man may be appointed to fill the place, left vacant by the retirement of Mr Orr. She writes by this mail to Baltimore to make inquiry concerning Mr Smith. If this Gentleman is not engaged will you forthwith send him here - if he is, pray do your best to send another equally valuable man -

Affectionately
R R Gurley

Rev A Peters.

N.B. Possibly Rev J W Newton of Andover can be engaged? He is an excellent man.

Rev. R. R. Gurley
Washington D.C. Sept 17. 1828 -
The Coloniz^n Soc. concur
with the A.H.M.S. in the
choice of Hon. Myron Clark
as Agent in the suit re-
specting Mr Burrs will.

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Sec A.H.M.S.
New York

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D.C.

Brooklyn (L I) April 18th 1829

Revd Absalom Peters

Dear Sir

I do not know whether you have received any communication from the F. M. S. of Georgetown (D. C.) since I was appointed their Missionary by the A. H. M. S. but it has occurred to me that notwithstanding my having been in their employ so short a time perhaps you might be expecting from me some reasons for my having relinquished that field of labor. In the instructions given me by you, I was to report to the two societies at the expiration of every three months. I had not served the Society much more than two months before I resigned, so that I deemed the formality of a report unnecessary. When I arrived in Georgetown, I presented the letters given me by you, Sir, to the Secretary & Treasurer of F. M. Society & they expressed much pleasure that they were so soon furnished with a Missionary— But to be brief — the Society at Georgetown is a favorite hobby of Miss Searle (whom you know) who possessing a spirit of Missions, has been endeavoring to impart some of it to the Ladies of Georgetown — thinking perhaps, that if they could not feel for those who at a distance were dying in their sins, they might for those in their immediate vicinity. In this she has been mistaken — for most of the Ladies take no interest in it & many of their husbands are opposed to the Society on the ground that there is no field for Missionary labors there. — And tho abundance remains yet to be done in that region, I must say that there are thousands of places in this Country where Missionaries are more needed than where that Society wished me

Rev. R. R. Gurley
Washington D.C.
Oct 17. 1828 - Notice that
the Rev. Isaac Orr has
retired from the service of
the A. H. M. S. & become the
Agent of the Colonization
Soc.

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Rev. Absalom Peters
333. Sec H. M. S.
New York

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to labor. When I first presented myself to that Society they had no idea what I was to do & no plan conceived for me to pursue in my Miss labors. I made several journeys before I could determine to what region chiefly to confine my efforts — One thing was desired by the Society that I should hold a meeting every Friday night in Georgetown & that I should preach at a little settlement chiefly of Roman Catholics about three miles from Georgetown & where of course not many would come to hear a Protestant. The plan did not much please me so that I extended my labors thro Montgomery Co in Maryland, as I thought that preaching was more needed at a distance from than near Georgetown. —— My field of labor extended fifteen miles west from G. — I preached at several different places on the Sabbath & during the week: I went from house to house endeavoring to engage the families in religious conversation & distributing tracts.

As I was obliged to be in Georgetown on Friday night of every week, I found the field too wide & when the weather was bad too arduous, tho interesting, much too arduous for a debilitated constitution in such a winter as the one just past — There were other circumstances which do not admit of recital, which led me to the determination to tender my resignation & labor for the remainder of the winter (when the weather would permit,) as constantly as before, but gratuitously.

I presented a brief report to the Female Miss. Soc of Georgetown & resigned. They were pleased to express much satisfaction with the report & some of them regretted that I would serve them no longer. They paid me seventy dollars. I continued from that time (Jany 13) untill the middle of March trying to be as useful as circumstances would allow when I began my journey homewards. I have no reason to regret having taken that Mission as my labors were blessed in the conversion of several & I have been permitted to witness the outpourings of the Spirit, to a remarkable degree, in different parts of the District of Columbia.

Yrs respectfully

Wm Cahoone Jr.

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Rev. Wm Cahoone,
Brooklyn L. I. Apl 18. 1829
Report of labor in the Dist.
of Columbia.

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For
The Revd Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. of A. H. M. S.
New York.

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[Cotton, Walter]

Georgetown DC June 8, 1829
D.C

Revd and dear Sir

The Directors of the Female Missionary Society of Georgetown — auxiliary to the Home Missionary Society are desirous of my services the few weeks I may remain in the District — they of course assuming the pecuniary responsibilities. — They have requested me to express their wishes to You, and ask the favor of a reply soon as convenient —.

With respect and affection

Yours Walter Colton

Rev A Peters
Sec, H. M Society

Walter Cotton
~~Georgia~~, , D C
Jun 8, 1829

[Moorg J. L.]

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Constitution
# of the
Home Miſsionary Aſsociation of the 1st Presbyterian Church in Washington city, Auxiliary to the American Home Miſsionary Society. _ Adopted January 2d 1830.

Presbyterian Church
Washington, D.C.,
Jan. 2, 1830

Art. 1st Every person who shall contribute annually to the funds of this aſsociation, shall be a Member.

2. The Executive Committee of this Aſsociation shall be composed of the Seſsion of this Church, and such Collectors as they shall appoint to aſsist them in soliciting the contributions of the members of the Church & Congregation.

3. From the above Committee shall be chosen Annually on the saturday next preceeding the first Sabbath in January, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Aſsociation.

4. Imediately after the appointment of the above Officers annually, the Secretary shall report their names, together with the doings of the Aſsociation to the Corresponding Secretary of the parent society.

5. The Treasurer shall take charge of the Monies collected, and after deducting incidental expences, shall pay the same to the Treasurer of the parent society.

Officers

Elected according to the foregoing Constitution

Rev. R. Post, President } James Moore, Secretary
Mr John Coyle, Vice President } James Moore, Treasurer

Washington city Jany 20th 1830

Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.

Dear Brother

I have the pleasure to forward you a copy of the Constitution of the Home Missionary Association of the first Presbyterian Church of this city.

With Christian regard
Your Brother in Christ
Jas Moore
Sec. H. M. A.
1st P. C. W.

[Jamieson, Robt.]

Alexandria May 13 1830

Revd Abs. Peters

Dr Sir

The Pastors Journal has been circulating in this Town a few days past containing an acct of a revival of Religion in the 2d Presbyterian Church of this place

Understanding that this acct or narrative will be continued in the No. for June; this is to beg that you will have it suppress'd as the publication has already been productive of much excitemt. Mr Walton is at present out of Town and I have taken the responsibility on myself to make this request—being assur'd that were he present, it would meet with his hearty concurrence. The Narrative was in strict accordance with truth, but the friends of the persons alluded to are making such a handle of this—that I apprehend any further publication of the same feature may have an injurious tendency.

With much respect
Yr obt Servt
Robt. Jamieson.
(A member of the 2d P. Church
Alexa)

Robt Jamieson Alexandria
May 13 1830

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Mr. Absalom Peters
Cor. Secy of H. M. S.
New York

[Post, R.]

Washington City, July 7th 1830.

Brother Peters,

Brother James Nourse has requested me to write you a few lines making enquiry concerning a miſsion for him to the West.— Br. Nourse is a son of one of Dr. Laurie's Elders in this City,— was brought up in the *old way*, educated at Jefferson College, & then at the Seminary in Princeton,— Licensed by our Presbytery, preached a while in Germantown Penn, where the Lord bleſsed his labours in the revival of his work & the conversion of some souls, & where, in the midst of such labours, Br. N. changed his sentiments from the *old*, to the *good old new way*, because he could not get along at all in his former course. This change, he avowed fully at his ordination by our Presbytery some months after, to the real pleasure of your humble servant & a few others, but to the grief I suppose, of Dr. Laurie & the majority of our Presbytery.— He has subsequently preached awhile in Germantown, but more recently at Snowhill Md, as a Miſsionary under the Gen. Aſs's Board of Miſsions. He now holds a Commiſsion from them to labour for one year at Tawneytown Md. He went there a few weeks since, but could find no place there for the sole of his foot, or rather for his wife, who was just on the eve of confinement, & so they both came to his fathers in this City to remain during that event.

He told me yesterday, that he had pretty much made up his mind to go to the West, to live & labour for life: He had long thought of it; indeed, at Princeton came under a kind of promise to go, after he had got through publishing his Bible, which he has now done; & is now determined to carry his promise into fulfilment. — He prefers going out under your Society, to going under the Gen. Ass's Board, for various reasons which it is not necessary to mention to you, — & yet he feels a delicacy in applying to your Board personally, while he holds a commission under the other.

He therefore requested me to write you, & ascertain whether you would send him to St. Charles, Missourie, or to that part of Illinois, which lies between the Illinois & Mississippi rivers. If so, he will throw up his commission to labour at Taneytown, & make the regular application for one from your society. Although he mentioned, & would doubtless prefer one of the two places just mentioned, I presume, he would go to any other needy & eligible place in the West. His inten- is to take his wife & fix himself there for life.

I consider Mr. Nourse to be a man of most amiable disposition, real humble piety, good talents & devoted to the cause of the Lord Jesus. The principal thing in which he fails, is in energy, though he is by no means remarkably deficient in that, & has wonderfully improved since ~~his~~ the change in his Theol. views. He is as energitic, or more so, than most of your cold blooded Andoverians. He is very judicious, — well acquainted with the Scriptures, & qualified to cope with the rough sceptics & errorists of the West. Indeed I *think* he will make an excellent Missionary, & shall so recommend him, to your Society, if he wishes my recommendation, when he applies, if he should do so.—

Now will you write *me* *soon* on this subject, saying whether you will appoint him, if the proper application be made, & your Society are satisfied with his character & recommendations,— whether you will send him to St. Charles, or Illinois, or where you will send him?

You need not show this, nor publish to the world, that you have received a letter from your humble servant &
brother
R. Post.

Rev. Absalom Peters,
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Soc.

P.S. Br. Finney can tell you something about B. N. as he saw him at Germantown. I need not add, that I consider Br. N. & so do you, as being *really orthodox*, i.e. a revival man.

[Searle, Mrs. A.]

George Town August 9 — 1830

Mr Peters

Sir

Though I have no official communication to make from our Society, which remains in the same state as when you were here last fall, yet you will permit me as a private individual to ask you, if you know of ~~some~~ any one who might be engaged to act as an evangelist in our ~~a~~ church & town. You know the qualifications requisite, & I think one might be employed & paid, if he could be found. I did every thing in my power to detain Mr Nelpheinstein, but he was determined & we were compelled to say, "The will of the Lord be done" Had we been prepared to receive a blessing, I believe that he would have been made willing to stay, & would have proved a greatly ~~blessing~~ useful.

I have been wishing all this summer for time to get subscribers to the "Pastor's

Rev. R. Post - Washington D.C. Asking information. (Attended to)
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The Reverend

Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secretary
of the A. H. M. Society
New York.

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Journal" if we could get it on without expense. But the postage comes ~~high~~ high, & we have not the happiness of thinking that we are supporting the best men in the world in what we pay to government; we ~~to~~ live too near them. I think we might have a letter bag put up in one of the packets which run between here & N.Y. in which all such packages might be deposited. Mr Crittenden the bearer of this, & one of the owners, would render all necessary facilities, & there are some captains among them who are pious. I think then if I had a prospectus I could get a number of subscribers. If you think this practicable will you drop me a line by Mr Crittenden, & I will make the arrangements.

I hope you will find some one who will be prepared to good, & who can be induced to come on here. One of the church said last night she thought if we had no change within a year, ~~or~~ as a society, we should be annihilated; & that our church was as good a field as the Miss Society could select. This was one who has not heretofore been very active. If ever we have a revival of true religion we shall then come out for the general cause. till that time all we do will be, like the nerveless parts of a man asleep.

May you find great success in your efforts to do good.

Very respectfully

A Searle

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Reverend Absalom Peters
Cor Secretary of the H. M. Society
New York

By politeness
of
Mr Crittenden

Miss A. [illegible] George Town D. C.
thinks if a suitable Man is to be had
he might be employed to advantage
in the Church & Region and also sup-
ported — concerning getting sub-
for the Home Miss. Aug. 9 1830

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[Danforth, John]

Washington City 10th January, 1831.

Dear Sir,

I write to request of you & your respected Committee the consideration of a case, which I trust will receive your favourable notice.

The 4th Presbyterian Church to which I minister was formed two years ago — beginning with 25 professing members. Since then, by the blessing of God, we have increased to 80 communicants, & a clever congregation. We resolved from the first to observe the strictest economy in our arrangements, so that the whole cost of a neat & convenient house, 40 f. by 60, with the ground was only about $2700. At one time we thought of applying to you for help, but resolved to struggle on as long as we could till compelled by necessity to this resort. The salary which is paid me is only $500, & on this no married man could live as the Pastor of a Church in Washington. Had not the deficiency been made up by private means, I could not have stayed. Those means can however go no further.

I consider the part of the city where we are fixed, while it is rapidly increasing, as Missionary Ground, & every way worthy the notice of your Society. The future effects of a flourishing, spiritual Congregation in this section of the city will be incalculable. If we can receive assistance to the amount of $350 now, we think we shall be placed beyond the reach of want hereafter. The members of the Society, generally plain men in moderate circumstances with little or no money beyond the supplies of their family wants, have done all they can do. They cannot raise a sum sufficient to meet an immediate demand on the Church, though they have exerted themselves already to a praiseworthy degree.

Although such difficulties have existed, I have not thought proper to withhold Monthly Concert Donations, & these have accumulated to the sum of about $71. $20 I forwarded to your Society some time since; $10 were given to the Board of Missions at Phila. & we have now about $40 on hand which we will give to the Society who will assist us, & in case of such assistance we will form ourselves into an Auxiliary to the Home Miss. Society (if you help us) on a permanent footing

& endeavour to make such arrangements as shall not only ere a great while pay off what you let us have, but add regularly to your funds as long as we exist.

Three hundred & fifty dollars must be made up by ~~this~~ the 20th of this month, or we know not what we shall do. If you can even let us have 250 we would make a strong effort to raise the other hundred; we do not wish to touch for this purpose that which has been devoted to missions by us, but believe that you will in a spirit of liberality lend an assisting hand. From our location in the city we anticipate the day when we shall be able to do for others that which we now ask. A little help just at this crisis will be of immeasurable importance.

If, in case of its being granted, you choose to put it to my salary, you may, & then it shall be devoted to the present emergency of the Church, or as you decide. If we get no assistance we do not know what will save the Church from being sold to satisfy creditors. To you we make our first offer, & hope soon to receive a reply.

Your friend & humble servant
Joshua N. Danforth

Br Peters,

Do urge this thing for us. I have no doubt if we can get the sum now, we shall replace it before long; Not a cent has been spent among us without rigid economy. We would rather not be publicly entered, if it can be helped; Could you not send it ex officio? Or if entered, just say, the Fourth Church, Washington.

I have tried abroad again & again; but begging for churches is unpopular, & this city has given as much as it will. Yours truly J N D.

Rev. Johnson N. Danforth, Washington City—Jany 10 1831—Application for aid

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Secy Home Missionary Socy
New York City.

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[Danforth, J. N.]

Washington, Jan. 22. 1831.

Dear Sir,

Your letter is received. You can form no idea of the scarcity of money, generally, in this city. Every thing is invested in the Canal or is some other way placed out of reach. In N. Y. it is plenty tho' it may not be with your Society. Can you not let us have $150 or even $100? It is wanted this moment, & with the assistance of Providence, I engage to replace it in the funds of your Society. If the Committee have decided against us, bring it up for reconsideration, & place us on the ground on which you placed the Church in Southwark. Only help us from sinking, & we will bless you forever. $100 or $150 *now* sent to us would be equal to a thousand in some other circumstances.

Truly yours,

J. N. Danforth.

Rev. J. N. Danforth, Washington Jany 22
1831 — Urging his application for
assistance &c

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CITY OF WASHINGTON
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To

Rev. Absalom Peters
Secy Home Miss. Socy
New York

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[Danforth, J. N.]

Washington, Feb. 18. 1831.

Dear Brother,

Our Session have paſsed the vote mentioned in the Magazine & referred to in your Letter, and we now desire that you will, if possible, secure for us $250 or $300. If not this - what you can, and if necessary the request shall be made out in due form under the authority of the Congregation, & signed by the Session. I would say, you will do a distinguished favour to the congregation & a personal favour to me, if you will exert your influence for us with the benevolent gentleman, unknown to us, and if you can soon apprise us of it, I will not fail, should opportunity offer, to reciprocate the favour. I hope to receive that assurance at as early a date as possible.

I am, very cordially,

Your friend & brother

J. N. Danforth

Rev. J. N. Danforth. Washington
Feb. 11. 1831 The Session of their
Ch. have passd a Vote to comply
with the Temperance Condition & request
to have $250 or $200 - from the condi-
tional Appropriation

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Secretary A. Home
Missionary Society
New York

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[Gurley, R. R.]

Office of the Col Society
Washington
June 15th 1836

Dear Brother

Your favour is before me. I am instructed by our Board to say that they wish you to employ the best Counsel that can be obtained, & they will pay their proportion of the expense. We are as anxious as you can be in regard to the result of this case, & would have no means neglected which may conduce to secure the fund which so justly belongs to us.

I am pained to hear of the illness of your child. I pray God to preserve it to you. Offer to your dear wife my kind regards & believe me

Your affectionate
R R Gurley

Rev Absalom Peters

R. R. Gurley Esq Col.
Soc Washington City Jany 15
1831 – Their Board will bear their pro
portion of expenses of employing Counsel
in the Case of the Ann [illegible]

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Rev Absalom
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[Searle, Mrs. Ann]

George Town March 2d 1831

Revd Mr Peters

Sir

The Female Miſsionary Society have directed me to write to you, to state our circumstances, & to solicit your aid, both private & official, in obtaining an evangelist or miſsionary, to labour in our congregation. It is neceſsary that I should say that some months since a vote was past that measures should be immediately taken to obtain a Pastor, over the congregation. But no one has appeared, & the ~~ope~~ cause of religion is so low, & the diſsimilarity of feeling & sentiment is so great, that we have reason to fear that nothing will be done, but to sink from depth to depth, in this bottomleſs abyſs. The elders wished the M. Society to take measures for obtaining a miſsionary to labour among us, ~~in~~ still hoping that his labours might be bleſsed, so that there might be spirit & unanimity enough to elect & settle a minister, who will be a bleſsing to us & the vicinity. Dr Rowan is here, & said that Mr Nettleton was in New York

& he thought might be obtained. We should pre-
fer him before any other, particularly as no pre-
vious prejudices exist against him, or rather all
are ~~[illegible]~~ biaſsed in his favour; which would not
be the case with Mr Finney & some other good
men.

If you could know our dreadful situation
as a church & people, we should need no eloquence
to persuade you to do every thing poſsible to get
him to come among us, & ~~at~~ as soon as poſsible. Not
only are multitudes of souls perishing around us,
but unleſs there is a change, we have every reason
to fear the final fall of the church. A few persons
among my acquaintance I think of late have been
more stirred up, & one whose spirit has been for some
time much bowed down, is now feeling that she will
in a short time see "the ways of Zion" no longer
"mourn".

I do not in wishing Mr Nettleton to come
here, think, that he is to manufacture a revival
for us. No we want a genuine work of the Spirit
of God but think considering all things, that he
might work with the most favourable pros-
pects. If he cannot come, & you know of
any one else that you would think proper
will you send him?

The subscription is to be renewed & paid
~~annually~~ monthly. What we have usually given
is 400 dolls per annum & boarded; & impoſsibil

ties excepted, we intend to continue it until it has opened the way for the settlement of ~~the~~ an evangelical minister.

We have heard of a good work in N York, & in Philadelphia, May it go on & increase. In Alexandria a few weeks since there were pleasing appearances. And in Washington they are about to have a four days meeting, hoping for a revival

Did I think I could say any thing more which might be of use to the cause I could not stop. But I believe you will feel & act for us, & let me beg you to add your prayers.

Very respectfully
Ann Searle

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Revd Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secretary of the
American H.M. Society
New York

Mrs. Ann Searle George Town
D.C. Mar. 2 1831 — Requests a Missionary to be sent to them

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[Searle, Ann]

George Town August 10 — 1831

Revd Mr Peters

Sir

I received your favour some days since, & have ~~since~~ been waiting to have something definite to write to you. But I am hardly prepared now.

The last of May Mr John T. Hargrave, a nephew of Mr Walton's of Alexandria came to us, & has been labouring here since, At that time we had a four days meeting. There was some attention before — that was an interesting season, & since I believe his unremitting labours have not been in vain, though there has not been what we wished to see. He is with us & will be probably till next month. On receiving your letter I applied to one who I thought a fit person, & requested him to converse with Mr Hargrave, & ascertain whether he would be engaged for a year after his time expired in Sept. He promised to do it, but has not fulfil'd his promise, & therefore I cannot write with any certainty I have also talked with some of the Managers who seem to think, if Mr Hargrave will stay, they should like to employ him, I am however afraid of losing one of whom you speak, as you do of Mr Irwin.

With respect to compensation, I speak wholly upon my own responsibility as nothing has been said or done officially, but I rather ~~tho~~ think that they would think of raising about $ 600, to pay a candidate or missionary. His labours would be wholly in this town, but I do not feel sure that the "Missionary Society" will not have to assume the business another year. I should be glad if the congregation would do it, & do it in proper style, but I am not at all [illegible] sanguine that they will. The last communion there were 13 added to the church & I hope nearly as many more will be this. But we have ever had a great deficiency of gentlemen, & though some are of that class, yet the greatest part keep themselves aloof even from the house of God. Pray for us, & when the corps of Christ is reinforced we will come up to the help of the Lord.

Yours Respectfully

Wm Searle

If the Society's Report for this year is printed will you have the goodness to give one to Mr Crittenden to take to this Society S.

Miſs Ann Searle Georgetown D. C. Aug 10. 1831 — Requests a Miſsionary for that place A Report to be sent by Mr Crittenden

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Reverend Absalom Peters
Cor Sec ry of the
Home Miſsionary Society
New York
Naſsau St

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[Post, R.]

Washington City May 25th 1831.

Revd & Dear Brother,

I send you in this $50.—for the A. H. M. Society, from "The Auxiliary Female Missionary Association of the 1st Presbn Church, Washington City, D.C.,"— which you will please thus to acknowledge.—

Our Presbytery would have forwarded you $50 this Spring, but for one of our old congregations, (Bladensburgh) which ~~we~~ applied to us for aid, & we could not, & ought not to refuse them.

yours very respectfully
R. Post

Revd Absalom Peters,
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.

Rev. R. Post - Washington
City May 25. 1831 enclosing $50

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. of the A. H. M. Society
144 Nassau Street
New-York.

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[Worres, Joseph]

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Germantown Aug. 11th. 1831.

Dear Sir, I heard a few weeks since, that my brother, Wm. B. Worrel, a miſsionary in Wilmington, Clynton County Ohio, is deceased; and I choose to write to your Honour rather than to my brother, or his widow, to ascertain the truth. The account I heard appears doubtful.

Please answer this soon, and oblige your friend,

Jos. Worrel.

N.B. Direct to the care of Rev. Geo Junkin Manual Labour Academy.

Mr. Joseph Worrell Germantown
Aug. 16, 1851, Requests
information respecting the
deposit of his brother's [illegible]

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Mr. Joseph Worrell

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Corresponding Secr.y of the
Home Missionary Society,
124 Nassau St.
N. York.

Ans. Aug. 16

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[A. Friend]

Washington 7th March 1832

Dear Sir_

Having omitted to apprise the Hon A. Buckner of the probability of a letter coming to him, directed to a friend to Missions_ I am under the necessity of asking the favour of a copy of the letter last addrest to me_

Last evening I called on Mr Buckner and enquired if he had recieved a letter thus directed_(being the first time I had apprised him of such a letter) He answered yes he had and that he had opened it and read it, and could not tell why such a letter had been addrest to him, and that he had enclosed it to a religious friend in Missouri_ I had intended to apprise Mr Buckner of such a letter coming to him but when ever I saw him it did not occur to me

In consequence of this neglect - I am under the necessity of asking the favor of a copy of the letter thus sent into Missouri -

Mr Buckner by this omission of mine has become acquainted with the object in view - and which was not my intention he should have been acquainted with -

Respectfully - a
Friend to Missions

Rev. Abm. Peters -
Cor. Sect - Home Missn
Socy - New York -

A Friend to
Washington, Mass
Requests a Copy
to him

Miſsions
7. 1832
of letter last sent

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Rev.d Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. Am. Home Miss. Soc.y
New York

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[A Friend]

Washington April 2d 1832

Revd A. Peters-

Dear Sir-

I am just in receipt of a letter from a friend- dated St Louis 19 March-
" I am just arrived from St Charles- and happy
" to inform you that during the week nearly, which
" I spent there the Spirit seemed powerfully present,
" the meetings were crowded, and the first time we
" invited persons to stay for conversation the whole
" congregation remained, When I left about 40
" were enquiring 15 a 20 professed to surrender
" themselves to the Lord, The Lord has great
" things in reserve for this land I believe—
" Mr Curtis Skinner who has just returned from
" Little Rock, Ark. Ter, brings cheering news of the
" commencement of a revival there.
" Since my last letter to you there has been 78
" persons added to the church, more than 30 I suppose
" are now entertaining a hope who have not yet
" united with the church, Making the hopeful conversions

" in our congregation more than one hundred.
" The minister in the Methodist Church informs
" me this morning that nearly an equal number
" had united with them - These are marvellous doings
" in St Louis. it is remarkable that more than two
" thirds of the converts are males -
" I want every church member here should feel-
" My enlistment is for life the Revival can only cease
" when Christians cease to labour and pray as they ought,
" we will never cease to labour and pray - therefore the
" Revival can never cease, The Revival still continues,
" &c &c.
" We had a Tract meeting to night, that we might
" get our hearts warm for the work of distribution,
" The lecture room was full. Volunteers in the tract
" Distribution were called for at the close of the meeting,
" and more came forward than could be employed,
" We gave liberty to any of the old distributors to withdraw
" their names, but not one consented to do it, you see
" we begin to understand that it is a privilege to
" labor for our master.
" I am glad the project of sending a Missionary to -
" Missouri - As he is intended to labour under the
" direction of our Session, it was well I have been apprised
" of it. I should like to have known who was delegated

" To make the selection of a man, I hope he will be the
" pious, able, faithful, man which has been requested—
" I want one to perform a very important work here
" now, to build up a second Church in St Louis—
" We ~~sou~~ will soon have registered in the first church
" 300 members, it is enough for one church, and the
" house does not accommodate our congregation now,
" We will be ready by the fall, or sooner, to colonize.

Your 2d letter under cover to Hon
Alexander Buckner— come duly to hand—
I feel anxious to hear of a persons being
selected and on his way to St Louis—

I have given the above extracts, that some idea
might be had of the kind of person wanted
to labor in Missouri— Please give me
the earliest information of a selection when it shall
be made— tell me, when & where I shall have paid
the first quarters salary— I want to be in the field.
I wish to be by proxy— breaking the bread of life to
the hungry & the needy— Direct to me under
cover of either the Hon. Mr. Buckner or Frelinghuysen

A Friend to Missions—

A. Francis [illegible]
Washington [illegible]
he is anxious [illegible] to have a missionary
sent to St. Louis

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Rev.d Absalom Peters –
Corresponding Secretary
Am: H. M. Society
New York –

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[A Friend]

Washington May 14th 1852

Dr Sir.

Some time ago, I had the pleasure making enquiries relative to my proposi- also quoting an article of intelligence from St Louis relating to that matter =
not hearing from you I apprehend my communication has not reached your hand- Will you have the goodness to inform me if a missionary has been sent out to St Louis- his name, if not sent- what is the prospect of procuring one- and when sent- where- & when & to whom shall the first quarters Salary be paid-
Pardon my intrusion in these enquiries-

Respectfully- a Friend to
Missions —

Revd Absalom Peters

A Friend to Miſsions Washington
May 14. 1832 — wishes to know
whether a Miſsionary has been
sent to Mo.

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Rev. Absolom Peters —
New York —

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[A Friend]

Washington June 26th 1852

Revd Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec: A.H.M.S.
150 Nassau Street N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your respected favour 14th Inst- which reached me a few days ago gives me the pleasing intelligence of the success attending your assiduous efforts to procure the Revd Mr Hatfield for a missionary station in Missouri. In my first views of employing one in so sacred a trust I entertained no thought of St Louis as the field of labor: nevertheless that, or any other designated, or approved by the Session of which the Revd W. S. Potts is the moderator, does and will meet my entire approbation. I accord with all your views as stated in your communication. I already feel much interested in the Gentleman you have selected and some day not very distant to have the pleasure of his acquaintance-

Untill I return to St Louis. I cannot determine finally on whom you shall draw- for the salary- quarterly as it becomes due- But untill I shall advise you further on that subject. you can draw. on the Revd William S Potts: with assurance that I shall have the quarters salary- in his hands; or in the hands of such person- as hereafter I may select

I shall wish to learn the time Mr Hatfield will be enabled to commence his journey- and indeed I wish to have some other information. that if possible I may serve him on his way out to the west. But having his address- I will write to him in a few days- I shall probably leave here for St Louis shortly after Congress adjourns- any communication after this event takes place should be directed to me at St Louis-

I am much indebted to you for your kind attentions and aid in this business; My thanks you need not- You look not to man for your reward- it will be from above- and everlasting-

With much pleasure in the contemplation
of the blessings bestowed on the human family
by those who are the Servants of the most
high – who show unto men the way of Salvation,
I am induced to subscribe the honourable
name; of a, Frend to Missions.

Friend to Missions Washington June 26. 1832 — is gratified to learn that a Missionary has been selected for him

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Appoint Rev Edwin F. Hatfield — $~~[illegible]~~ $60 outfit
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Revd Absolem Peters

Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Society —
150 Nassau Street
New, York.

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[A Friend]

Washington 8th Dec 1832

Revd Absalom Peters —
Cor. Secy A.H.M.S.

Dear Sir,

I have great pleasure in enclosing a letter from My Prog. — The Revd E. F. Hatfield — giving some account of the establishment of a church in St Louis:
You will perceive by his letter that I did not make myself known to him, my only reason was from a desire that he should not be troubled by avoiding questions on the subject — wishing not to be known as the instigator of his mission to St Louis —

I am exceedingly well pleased with the choice you made, your selection intirely meets my wishes and views — except in one point: which was that it might be a single man, but in this also I rejoice that one so dear to me as my prog. is, is so highly favoured in his choice of a companion: I have no doubt but, his influence will be encreased

his usefulneſs promoted - and the prosperity of the
Church increased by the excellent Lady he has
chosen for an help meet. I am in the choice
of both - exceedingly pleased - and pleasantly - disappointed,
I look on their acquisition to the happineſs and
wellfare of St Louis, as great - Accept my warmest
thanks, for your kindneſs in this matter -
when you please - you can draw on Mr Nathan -
Ranney for the salary as it becomes due - Mr
Hatfield is at present a resident in the family of
Mr Ranney - when at leisure - please return me
the letter of Mr Hatfield, enclosed to the care of the
Hon. A. Buckner, U.S. Senator - and oblige

Your friend & Servant - a
Friend to Miſsions

[Cass, Lewis]

(Unofficial)

Washington
Dec. 1. 1832

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter, and concur with you in the sentiments you advance. The progress of moral and religious improvement is not less important to governments, than to individuals. I cannot however renew the recommendation in my last annual report for the appointment of Chaplains. Not that I think the measure less necessary now than I did then. But it would not appear respectful to Congress to urge the matter with such a degree of importunity. It must be left to their action, and I cannot but hope, that some member will be found to introduce the question under favourable auspices.

I am, Dr Sir,
respectfully yours
Lew Cass

Rev. Absalom Peters

A. Friend to Missions
Washington Dec. 8. 1832
enclosing a letter from Mr.
Hatfield

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per A Buckner

Reverend Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secretary
American Home Missionary Society
New. York

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[Smith, Richard]

Wash^n Feb: 27. 1832

Absalom Peters Esq
New York
Dr Sir

As requested in your letter of 13th inst, this day handed to me by the Rev^d Mr Gurley, I enclose ~~on~~ a dft on the Bank U States at New York for $67 27/100 for expenses incurred in prosecuting the ~~suit~~ claim under the will of the late Joseph Burr of Manchester, Vermont

I am very resp^y
Your Obt St
R Smith Treas^r
Am. Col. Soc^y

Paid the above to
H. R. Storrs, March 2.

Lewis Cass Esq. Washington
Dec. 1. 1832

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Richard Smith - enclosing Draft of $67.27/100
Feb. 27. 1832 - Washington

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Absalom Peters Esqr

No 144 Nassau Street

New York

Recd. of R. Smith as Treasurer of the American Colonization Socy. by the hands of A. Peters Sixty Seven $\frac{27}{100}$ dollars in full for my services as Counsel for the Sd. Society

N. R. [illegible]

Mar. 2. 1832

[Drape, J.]

Washington City April 14th 1854

Mr James Van Norden
Dr Sir

I would in haste inform you that I have had today my pocket-book Stolen at the capitole in which was an order on the home miſsionary society for $50, sent by Enoch Kingsbury of Danville Ill and order requested the agent to pay J Draper Jr the above sum —
This is to request you to pay this to no one who presents the order unleſs he can repeat this letter. I write to you Mr Norden because I know not the name of the agent — I am an entire Stranger to you both but your

Humble Servt

James Van Norden   Jonathan Draper Jr

PS you shall be remunerated for your trouble.

J Draper

Jona. [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ Jr. Ap.
1st 1834

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Has had E Kingsburys drft
for $50. stolen from him
Requests us to stop it.

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Mr James Van Norden
or the agent of Home Miss'y Socy.
New York

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[Fendall, P. R.]

Office of the American Colonization Society
Washington May 10. 1834

Rev. Absalom Peters.
New York.

Dear Sir,

Above is a check in your favor for eighty four dollars and forty five cents, drawn by the Treasurer of this Society on the U. States' Branch Bank at this city, that being the amount stated in your draft of the 30th ult. to be due by the Society to George Wood Esq. in the matter of Mr. Burr's legacy.

This being a subject of great interest to us, our Board would thank you to request Mr. Wood to inform us minutely concerning the state and prospects of our claim. Be pleased to invite his attention to an elaborate opinion recently pronounced by Judge Baldwin of the Supreme Court, sitting as a Circuit Judge of the U. States, on the will of Mrs. Sarah Zane, a Quaker lady of Philadelphia. In this opinion, which is 72 octavo pages long, the Judge reviews all the learning relating to charitable bequests, and decides that Chancery has jurisdiction over them, independently of the statute of 43rd Elizabeth. Perhaps Mr. Wood may have seen the opinion. I have not a copy of it; but he can probably obtain one from Messrs. Thomas Kite &Co., the publishers at Philadelphia.

Hoping to hear from Mr. Wood or yourself at an early period on this important subject, and begging to be remembered to my friend Mr. Gurley,

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours very respectfully,
P. R. Fendall, Recorder.

[Fendall, P. R.]

P. R. Fendall Aug 10/34
With dft. &c. Suggestions
respecting Burr case

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The Rev. Absalom Peters

&c. &c. &c.

New York

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Ans'd — Aug 26

[Hall, Hilliard]

Washington April 1. 1834

Dr Sir

Mr Draper of Danville Illinois, had his pocket picked at the Capital this afternoon, & among his papers was an order on the agent of the Home Missionary Society for the sum of $50. drawn by Rev Enoch Kingsbury of said Danville — It has occurred to him that by possibility the order may be presented for payment, & I write this at his request to forbid the payment — I presume that you are either the person to whom it should be presented, or will take the trouble to give this notice to the proper person. Mr Draper is a son of Judge Ira Draper of Shaftsbury —

I am Dr Sir
very respectfully yours
Hiland Hall

Rev. A. Peters

Hiland Hall
Ap 1st 1834

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Mr J. Draper Jr has recd E Kingsbury's dft. for $50. Stolen from him &c

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H. Hall
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Rev. Absalom Peters
Secy of Home Missionary Socy
New York

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[Spencer, Theodore]

Washington, 2. Decr 1834.

Dear Sir.

Having some leisure, I hasten to fulfil my engagement to write whenever I should have reached the field of labor selected for trial. Agreeably to your suggestion, on landing at Philadelphia I called on Mr. Barnes, but was disappointed in not finding him at home. I was equally unsucceſsful in my enquiries after Mr. Judd. the lateneſs of the hour prevented me from ascertaining his residence, if indeed he was in the City. and I was induced to proceed at once to Washington by the consideration that if the delay of another day should occur, the Sabbath would overtake me before the City could be reached, & I hoped to be enabled to use that Sabbath in promoting the objects of your society.

I called on Br. Noble & was very kindly received, but he did not think it expedient to bring up the subject of Home Miſsions then. After some consultation I consented to spend the present week with him & to preach every evening & oftener if neceſsary, & hold prayer meetings &c., on condition that he would next Sabbath permit a collection to be made for the A. H. M. S. We have begun to work, & notwithstanding the facts that Congreſs has just commenced its seſsion, & politics has aſserted its claims to require attention, & the population are mostly occupied with public affairs or with those who engage in them, & that many members of the Chh. are connected with Government & are neceſsarily occupied a large portion of their time in public busineſs, still the Lord is with us. The meetings are solemn. the Chh. is prayerful. & there have been some interesting conversions.

Yesterday I called on Mr. Post, & after paving the way as well as circumstances would allow, requested permiſsion to lay the subject of Miſsions before his church next Sabbath. He appeared quite friendly to our object, but hesitated about consenting to my proposition, on the ground that two or three members of his congregation were opposed to voluntary ecclesiastical aſsociations, & he did not know how they would feel about it – I preſsed the point, & he at last consented to consult his Seſsion, & return a definite answer during the week – Br. Post is with us I believe heartily, but I consider it very doubtful whether he opens his pulpit to us, at least now, – If he does not, the only way left is to try to draw as many of his congregation into Br. Noble's house, as can be induced to attend, & reach them in that way – Mr. N's congregation are generally in limited pecuniary circumstances, & it is doubtful whether much can be obtained of them –

On the subject of collections at the South for your Society, I have made enquiries, & the prospect is very dark indeed – If Br. Post takes such ground because a few of his congregation ~~are~~ (not of his church, as I understand it) are averse to you, what will not others do, where the majority are opposed, & where such a convenient pretext is afforded as an apology for not giving of their substance to the Lord. In pursuing the discretion you devolved upon me in this matter, I feel that I must be in a great measure governed by what they do here – if they contribute liberally, it may be used as a strong argument with other churches & afford encouragement to proceed – Should they contribute sparingly, it does now appear to me exceedingly doubtful whether the object should be much further prosecuted ~~now~~ at the present time – The expences of travelling are great, & common honesty would forbid incurring a debt for ye Society, where there is not a reasonable prospect of succeſs. Should providence favor, however, in reference to operations here, it might be adviseable to try Norfolk and Richmond &c – but would it be best to act upon an entire uncertainty, after a partial failure upon ground we considered our own? I should like much your opinion upon this point, tho' I believe I have it in substance already - It would seem more in order to reserve the consideration of this point until after a trial at Washington, than decide upon supposed premises - Should I do so, however, I must either be deprived of your counsel in the matter, or lose a week in waiting to hear from you - If you think it would be best to try the other Cities I have mentioned, even as a bare experiment, without due encouragement from this quarter, I should like to be advised -

The Lord has thrown me into circumstances which will aid much in affording light as to the South as my field of labor - There are many & good men here from almost every quarter, who can delineate the moral condition & religious resources of the country with a precision almost equal to actual observation - ~~Should the~~ From these facilities it may be that I can select some field; or if none such as I desire should be presented, will then be at liberty to wander to any point of the compass to which providence may direct - either in forwarding your plans, or in evangelical labors -

In the hope of hearing from you by return of mail
I am yours with much respect.
T. Spencer

Rev. A. Peters -

[Spencer, Theodore]

Washington 10. Dec. 1834.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 4. Inst is before me, & its re:
:ceipt was very gratifying - In reference to the success of an
Agency at the South I am very doubtful, & especially in the
hands of a Northerner - so strong has been that impression, that
I have been on the point of relinquishing the plan of trying
even Richmond & Norfolk - My visit to Washington has
satisfied me that the South is not the appropriate field for
me to labor in, in prosecuting my general object, especially
while a Northern Congregationalist. It is not improbable
but that some attention could be attracted, but from what
I have discovered amongst the Southern's now here, as well as
from the opinions of those who have tested it, I am satisfied
the moment I should fairly engage in revivals, the bitter:
:ness of certain "old school" hearts, full charged with heretical
suspicions about "new lights", "abolition" ultra Presbyterianism
&c. &c. would be levelled at my head, & make me more trou:
:ble & consume more time in defending myself, than would
ordinarily be needed to make a successful attack on Satans
kingdom & win scores of souls to Christ - My determination
was therefore formed to return at once to the North, & had
~~not~~ you not expressed your views as to the Agency, you
would probably have seen me in person, instead of re:
:ceiving this note - The prospect of helping your Society
has assumed a little more brightness, since I wrote last,
& your wishes have led me to explore further on your be:
:half - You remark, that my success in the Agency here ought
not to control my movements; & that if there is any *prospect*
of succeeding at the South, even if it be doubtful, you would
have me proceed in the experiment until I should become
satisfied it was not for the interests of the Society to persue it.
It was this very ~~very~~ view that made me reluctant to hazard
the additional expence to your Board, especially as I have

Rev. Theodore Spencer
Wa. City D.C., Dec 2.
Asking advice —

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Rev. Absalom Peters
No. 150. Nassau Street —
New York. —

Rec'd Dec 4
Ans'd — by Dr. P.

abandoned all further progress South on my own account; but being on the field, you shall have a fair trial, tho' at the expence of my own time - Tomorrow, therefore, I shall start for Richmond (D.V.) & try what can be done for you - when there, I can definitely determine for the future -

Br. Post has not opened his pulpit to our object, on account of previous engagements, & (I suppose) the qualms of two or three of his people - I shall try to obtain a hearing on my return - I have not visited Baltimore yet, being persuaded that I must have a little more S. influence to succeed there, but I hope to give a better account of it by & bye - I should have visited the chh. in Alexandria, but Br. Woodbridge of the Tract Soc'y anticipated me & got possession of the pulpits there - This ground also must be reserved for future experiment - I am informed that the South has been litterally swept over by the agents of the General Assembly's board, who have probably paid their own enormous salaries by their efforts, but the Board itself is still out of funds, having on that ground declined to aid the people at Trenton - About the wants of this people you will probably hear from Rev. Mr. Osborne -

On the opposite page I send you a statement of our reciepts from the Rev. Mr. Noble's congregation - The members of the church, they say, are very poor generally, & find it difficult to support their minister - Their ordinary contribution to general benevolent objects, I am informed, varies from 7. to 10 dollars, which was the amount they said I would collect - Mr. Noble said I would, by effort, obtain $15. - Once they collected $20. by persevering effort, Mr. Preston informs me - Last Sabbath, in the morning, I introduced our object, & you will see that the Lord opened their hearts & purses somewhat - None of Br. Posts people have not yet contributed, so far as I can learn, not being present -

There have been some interesting conversions the past week, but in consequence of prevalent sickness, & imperious calls connected with conversions of duty leading the chh. & sinners to attend ~~to attend~~ to other things, it has not been so powerful as it was hoped it would be -

I am yours Cordially

Rev. A. Peters -

T. Spencer -

Reciepts for the A. H. M. S., from the 4th Presb. Church, Washington - (Rev. M. Noble's).

Erskine Stansbury, to constitute Arthur Stansbury Esqr. a life member	$30.00
H. Stansbury	5.00
E. Deeble	5.00
A. Naudain	5.00
B. F. Pleasants	5.00
J. Gideon	5.00
A. Preston	5.00
P. Gauladet	2.50
D. Wilson	1.00
G. Stitinius	1.00
W. Stitinius	1.00
W. Head	.50
Cash	3.87½
Cash	.12½
By Ladies of the Society, by Mrs. Pleasants, to constitute Rev. Mason Noble a life member	30.00
	$100.00

[Spencer, Theodore]

Washington 15. Dec. 1834-

Dear Sir.

I suppose you have recieved my last, acknowledging the reciept of $100. from Br. Nobles Church for the Home Missions- I also stated in that letter that on the succeeding day I should start for Richmond- Accordingly I was soon on my way to that place, & arrived on Friday Morning- On calling at Mr. Armstrongs boarding house I ascertained he had left for Georgia, to be absent until February- My next visit was to Br. Plummer, to whom I presented your introductory letter, which opened my object at once, & led to an interesting conversation- He said that the Clergy generally at the South were pledged to aid the Assemblys board, & that all the Presbyteries in the S. Atlantic States had recently become their Auxiliaries- but that they were not hostile to our Society- that when a proper opportunity presented he had no doubt they would very generally lend their pulpits & their influence in our aid, & particularly so if you would send Missionaries amongst them- That they had looked to your Society, but had become discouraged from your having taken most of your Missionaries off the field of the South- With regard to the Presbytery he was connected with, he said their branch Missionary Society were deeply in debt, & without any resources- that Rev. Mr. Brown had been appointed agent of the A. Board for the States of Virginia & N. Carolina- that he had sent notices to the Churches in his region, appointing days on which he would make collections, with a view to liquidate that debt, & that in the course of two or three weeks he was to bring the subject before his, Mr. Plummer's, people.

Rev. Theodore Spencer Washing-
ton City D.C. Dec 10. 1834. Report
of Agency. List of Receipts

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Rev Dr. Absalom Peters, D.D.
No. 150. Nassau St.
New York.

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On this account, he said, he considered it inexpedient to bring our object before his church at present (& in this he was undoubtedly right). On enquiry, I ascertained that the churches at Fredericksburgh, Petersburgh, Norfolk &c. were in a situation similar to his, & that it would be utterly useleſs to attempt our object with them at present – he said that Mr. Brown had also made his arrangements in N. Carolina, & my mind was drawn irresistably to the conclusion that present efforts there would be fruitleſs, & in this he evidently coincided, as we would be regarded as making exertions to forestall Mr. B – We had further interesting conversation, but above I have given you the material part – In the exercise of the discretion devolved upon me I soon came to the conclusion that further efforts in Virginia & N. Carolina __now__ were worse than useleſs, accumulating expence with no reasonable prospect of ſucceſs – that the prospect of succeeding in S. Carolina & Georgia was too problematical to justify the great expence of visiting the different cities as they too are now under __operation__ from the Aſsembly's board & the same objections undoubtedly existed there, as in the two upper States; & particularly, they should be visited only after we had been countenanced by the Virginia chhs. or some of them, which would at once open many of their pulpit doors – I should have been pleased to have visited Charleston, Augusta &c. but could not think of doing it at your expence under the existing circumstances – wherefore I at once turned my face Northward – On the whole, I am convinced you should occupy this field as far as you can obtain men to fill the destitute churches – and that, if a judicious, __patient__ man can be found to go thro' the chhs. next Spring, & one who can exercise considerable moral power over the Southern warm hearts, & who can say to them "we can send you some Missionaries at once" he could materially aid you in influence, & greatly, in funds. I do believe you have been too apprehensive about this part of the vineyard -

Last Sabbath I spent at Alexandria, & in the evening presented our object in the second Chh. (late Walton's) - - As Br. Woodbridge had been there the Sabbath before, & drained their pockets, it was deemed adviseable to defer a collection until to-morrow evening, when the Chh. wd. bring in their offering - You are very popular there, & I hope they will do something handsome for us - I will keep my letter open until after I meet them to morrow night - They have taken up a sudden notion to have ~~a protracted~~ meeting, & insist upon my staying with them - This must depend upon the indications of providence, & will be decided to-morrow night - I have not seen Br. Post since my return - he hangs off a little, & Br. Woodbridge is taking up all his time; but I am determined not to be defeated in bringing our object before his people, thro' too much modesty even tho' it should assume the appearance of forwardness - his Chh. ought to give $200 where Br. Noble's does $100 - but it is doubtful whether they could be induced to equal his contribution.

On the above mentioned night a contribution was made by the 2d Chh. in Alexandria - the money was recieved by one of the Elders & has not yet been handed over, probably because all had not paid who were expected to contribute - The Chh. determined to have a series of Meetings to commence on Thursday night of this week - I shall probably spend a few days with them, & then expect soon to call upon you in New York - I know of no private opportunity, else I would now remit you the amount in my hands - I shd. be glad to hear from you before I entirely quit this field.

I am yours Cordially
T. Spencer

Rev. A. Peters - (I look for about $100. from the A. Chh -)

[Gales, J.]

Washington, July 31, 1835.

Sir,

I have to-day paid your draft in favor of Milo L. Bennett for $166-25, stated to be our Society's portion of Mr. Bennett's charges against the several Societies interested in Mr. Burr's bequests.

We presume you have taken into Acct. the draft for $84-45, which we paid in May last.

Your draft for any further Expenses which may still be due, will be duly honoured.

It would be agreeably to our Board to have a Statement of the several charges; the amount of the Legacy, Interest, &c.

Respectfully,

Jo. Gales,
For Am. Col. Society

Rev. Theodore Spencer Washington
D.C. Dec 15. 1834 Report
Thinks of returning.

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Rev. Absalom Peters, D.D.
No. 150 Nassau St.
New York

Recd Dec 20
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[Gurley, R.R.]

Office of the Col Society
Washington
March 10th
1835

Revd & Dear Brother,

We perceive that the case of Mr Burr's Legacies is decided in favour of the various Charitable Societies interested, & we presume you can inform us, as to the steps to be taken by us, to secure the amount to which we are entitled. If so we will be very thankful for the information.

I am glad to hear that Mrs Mason is at Lebanon. How is your dear wife? How are all your Friends? I shall rejoice to hear from you often not only on matters of business, but of your, & more private concerns & relations.

Yours Affectionately

R R Gurley

Rev Dr Peters

J. Gales Esq Treas Col. Soc
Washington city asks a
statement of the amount
of legacy Interest expenses &c
in the case of Burns Will

(Ans^d he must apply to M. L. Bennett Esq
Manchester Vt.)

Charge No. 40.

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Absalom Peters, Esq

142, Nassau Street,

New York.

Rec^d Aug 3

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[Noble, Mason]

City of Washington. Jan 3. 1835

Rev & Dear Sir -

I wish to say a few words to you respecting this part of Zion as an appropriate field for the exertions of the A.H.M. Society.

You are undoubtedly as well acquainted with the wants of this region as I am. You know how wide a portion of Virginia & Maryland is to be supplied with a ministry of our Denomination, & you are anxious that men educated, enterprising, energetic, uncorrupted by peculiar theology or by worldliness should here erect their standard, & "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ". But from fear of exciting the jealousies, or interfering with the operations of others you hesitate to act. I suppose this to be the only explanation of the fact that as yet you have done nothing.

I was glad to see Br. Spencer - & so were my people - we gave him something - not as much as we shall probably give hereafter -

Rev. R. R. Gurley
Washington City
March 10. 1835 —
Concerning the Mission Agency

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Revd Absalom Peters DD
Secretary of the H. M. S.
New York

Recd March 13
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There is a system, & energy, & liberality, & growing after the souls of men, in your Society which has given & will give it a large place in the affections of all Christians who are labouring for the millennium & for the glory of our Saviour— As for myself I most ardently desire to see the spirit of your Society operating in our Churches—the more we have of it the more rapidly shall we come up to the battle of the Lord.

With these views & feelings I am of course anxious that some plan should be devised by which our churches may be operated upon by you, & by which they might be brought to co-operate with you in filling this region with "light & love"—

The prejudice against voluntary associations & the Bugbear of New Divinity, which you are aware obtains more or less throughout this region may be a formidable obstacle to direct operations—but this obstacle may I think be removed.

From Br. Spencer's uncommon popularity among us as a Preacher, & from the willingness manifested by those who have heard him to give liberally of their substance to the cause he advocates I have thought that if his services could be engaged in the south as a Missionary or an Agent of your Society he might go through the length & breadth of the land—colle

—ting money where God in his providence should prepare
the way before him, & preaching every where as an
Evangelist or Missionary the Gospel of Jesus Christ—These
southern churches must be roused from their slumbers—
Public opinion must be changed—Religion must
here exert its controlling & purifying power—And
I know of no one so well calculated to do this
great & blessed work as Br. Spencer—& Br. Spencer
labouring in the way I have designated—He is certainly
one of the most powerful Preachers in our church—His
ardour & boldness & stirring eloquence are peculiarly
adapted to Southern mind—& the most cheering results
could not but follow his labours in this destitute field.

He is now labouring with great succ [illegible]
in Alexandria—but expects in a few [illegible]
to return to New-York—where I apprehend
many applications will meet him to labour
in different places—If it is consistent with the rules of
your Society, & his services can possibly be engaged in
the manner I have explained, you would confer a
great & lasting favour on the Southern churches by
persuading him to return among us—He might gather
much fruit for your Treasury, & would, with the blessing
of God, infuse a new spirit into our Churches—

It is with diffidence that I venture to suggest these
thoughts for your consideration—but love for the cause of
our Saviour has emboldened me, & the same spirit will
I am fully confident induce you to pursue the right course in this
& every other matter— Yours respectfully, Mason Noble

Rev. Mason Noble Washington D.C.
Wishes Rev. I. Spencer may
be commissioned for the
South

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Rev. Absalom Peters D.D.
Cor. Sec. A.H.M. Society
New-York City

Rec. Jan 8.

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[Smith, John C]

Rev^d A Peters D D
New York

My dear Sir

This will be handed you by Rev^d Mr J Graff, the worthy minister of the Second church Alexandria auxiliary to your Society -

Bro Graff's Engagement in Alex^a is about to expire and he is looking round to see what the Lord would have him do - I have offered him this note of introduction, in the event of his visiting your City - And I have done it with pleasure -

Bro G - has the confidence and affection of the brethren of the Presbytery he is pious, devoted, and acceptable in the work to which the Lord hath called him - Perhaps it may be useful to him and to yr Society to have an acquaintance with its respected Secretary - with this hope I introduce

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Rev. Jno C. Smith Georgetown
D.C. Introducing Rev. James
Graff - Sept. 3/35
~~Washington D.C.~~ 1835
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Rev A Peters D.D.
New York

Rev^d Mr Graff

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Write to Mr. Little
Cincinnati

[Wright, Rev. D.]

Washington City August 18th 1835

To

Rev. Absalom Peters

Dear Sir.

A few days before leaving Columbus Miss. I recd. a letter from Rev. Wm. H. Williams. Tuscaloosa. Al. informing me that a letter had been recd. from your office. in which it was stated that the 30 dollars deposited in my hands by his sister to constitute him a life member of the Home Missionary Society, had not been recd. and a request made to have it forwarded immediately.

Mr. Williams, also requested that I would explain the subject to your satisfaction — this I will endeavour to do.

Miss C. Williams, was desirous of contributing something to the funds of your Society for the supply of the destitute in our region and ~~other~~ elsewhere. and concluded to do so by constituting her br. a member. As she did not wish it known to her brother she requested that I would attend to the business for her, as she was then employed in our school at Columbus.

I wrote immediately to yourself on the subject stating the fact. and her wishes, and requesting that you would notice it in your list of donations

him - Any attention shewn him will
be cheerfully acknowledged and -
reciprocated by Dear Sir

Yr fellow labourer
John C Smith

Geo Town DC 3 Sepr 1835

as from a member of his church, without
any name being given. I also stated as there was
a great risk in sending money by mail at
that time, I would retain it in my hands, and
hold it subject to your order. Another reason
that induced me to retain it in my hands
at that time, was that we were expecting,
or at least hoping for some assistance from
your Society, and as I was a member of the
committee for Missions of our Pres. I, concluded that it
would be better for me to pay the money to
your missionary there, than to expose it to
the danger of transportation by mail, and pre-
sumed it would be your choice. Or at least
if it were your wish to have it forward to
New-York that you would perhaps inform
me. I however received no answer, nor was
there any notice whatever taken of the sub-
ject of my letter. I afterwards, wrote once or twice, nam-
ing the subject, but there, was not ~~the~~ least
direction or notice received respecting it.
I at length enclosed the 30 dollars to New York.
And as usual have received no information
respecting it till Mr. Williams's letter.
If my first letters were received they should have
been answered, if they were not of course it can
not be attributed to neglect.

I inclose in this 35 dollars. Thirty dollars are for the purposes above mentioned. ~~and~~ namely to constitute the Rev. Wm. H. Williams of Tuscaloosa Al. a life Member of your So. and the other five a donation from a friend in Columbus Miss.

You will please to forward Mr. William his certificate of his membership. and me a receipt of the money.

I am, Dear Sir, very respectfully
and sincerely yours
D. Wright

P.S. I forward you with this a letter from the committee on missions
Please write me at Philadelphia.

[Crampton, Rev. Ralph]

Copy

This may certify that we have full confidence in Br. R. S. Crampton as a faithful Minister of the Gospel & do recommend him as such to the improvement of the Churches wherever God in his providence may call him

By vote of Association of
Litchfield South
Wm B De Forest Scribe

Washington }
June 8. 1836 }

Rev. D. Wright.
Washington D.C. Aug 18
1835 enclosing $35 –
asking an explanation –

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. of the
Home Missionary So.
Nassau St
New York

Recd Aug 24

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Sec of the A H M Soc

Dear Sir After the conversation had with yourself respecting a tour to the West, I have resolved to direct my course toward Michigan, & should be glad of a [illegible] commission from your Soc. with liberty to labor in Michigan, Illinois or Missouri.

Should I go further than Pontiac I shall be under the necessity of asking funds of you to defray my traveling expenses.

DEC 1836

Yours truly Ralph S. Crampton

Rev A Peters DD

Copy of Rev. R. S. Cramptons
Credentials. &c

[Noble, Mable]

Rev. A. Peters, D.D.

Dear Sir -

I preached a few sabbaths since on Home Missions. As we had but a short time previous taken up a collection I deemed it best merely to say to the people that if they had any thing to give I would cheerfully forward the amount to your Society - A few individuals have consequently placed in my hands the above fifty dollars -

Let me assure you that it affords me great pleasure to be their Agent in this matter, & also to inform you that you may expect annually a contribution from our Church - I trust that amid all the scandal & persecution of the times your refuge in the Lord does not fail you - Most affectionately

Yours - Mason Noble

Washington Oct. 19 - 1837

Rev. Ralph S. Crampton Applies
for a Commission to labor in
Michigan, Illinois or Missouri
Credentials

Washington D.C.

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Rev. A. Peters
Present

[Smith, John C]

My dear Sir

A lady of my church has just handed me $8.75 which she has raised for Domestic Missions, to this sum I have added a little and send you the inclosed ten dollar Philadelphia note, hoping that it may reach you in safety and sustain a few of our dear Missionary brethren for one day. I would that it were more but we employ our little funds by assisting feeble churches in our presby or sometimes the funds go to the Assembly's Board. The fact is, we do not raise much but we hope soon to increase it — I think that this week at our meeting of presbytery we shall devise some plan for more liberal effort.

In acknowledging this small remittance let it be "A family thank offering for Domestic Missions from a family in the District of Columbia" — (thro me if you please)

I value the efforts yr Society has made to do good and I believe that they are appreciated by the brethren generally in our presbytery. May God speed and prosper you ever, is my most special and prayer —

In affection yr brother in Xt

John C Smith

George Town DC 6 Nov 1837

W. McNoble Washington
D.C. Oct 1837
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Cert. Colts for Collⁿ Oct 24th

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Rev. Absolom Peters D.D.
No. 144. Nassau St.
New York City

Rev. John C Smith
Georgetown D C.
Nov 6. 1837
enclosing a
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Rev.d Absalom Peters D D
American Home Miss Socy
New York

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[Dwight, H.W.]

Washington D.C. April 12th 1839

Revd Chas. Hall

My dear brother

Your favour of the 8th I have received, & I beg leave to say that I cannot decline complying with the request of your Anniversary Committee, communicated by you, reluctant as I am to perform the duty which will thereby be imposed upon me. It will call for much self-denial on my part to come forward on that occasion before the public, and I should be most heartily glad if I could be permitted to remain unmolested, at the anniversaries, & quietly enjoy the privileges of that interesting week. But I feel that good may perhaps be done, by the few words I may say — & chiefly because of the borrowed interest that is thrown around the missionary. I do not, therefore, feel at liberty to refuse to open my lips, although I am conscious that many others are better qualified than myself to speak on such occasions.

You did not inform me how much time you would allow me — but as I expect to be in New York next week, I shall hope to see you & talk with you more about this matter. I will only say here — that you must not make any dependence upon my occupying much time, or ~~saying~~ speaking much of a speech. —

Very truly Yours &c

H. G. O. Dwight

Rev H. G. O. Dwight Washington
D.C. April 12, 1839 Will
make a Speech at the
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Rev Charles Hall
Secy of the A.H.M.S.
150 Nassau St
New York City

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[Levitt, Joshua]

Washington City. Dec. 20. 1841

Dear Brethren. Hall & Badger—

By a notice in the Boston Recorder of the 17th, I learn that you have given a permanent & most enviable character to the Home Missionary for Dec. & from what is there said I take the liberty to suggest the utility of a wide distribution of that number. Send it to all Governors & public men, to all members of Congress, & officers of the General Government, to the principal philanthropists of England, to all newspapers, &c. &c. I wish I could accompany this suggestion with a corresponding donation, but at present my pocket is too low. But I give you this letter, with my prayers for the A.H.M.S.

Yours truly

Joshua Leavitt

I should like a copy here. I will give $1

[illegible] Jones Seaman Washington
City Dec 20, 1841 Concerning
Dec. No. 4 H. M. enclosing $1—

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J L Giddings
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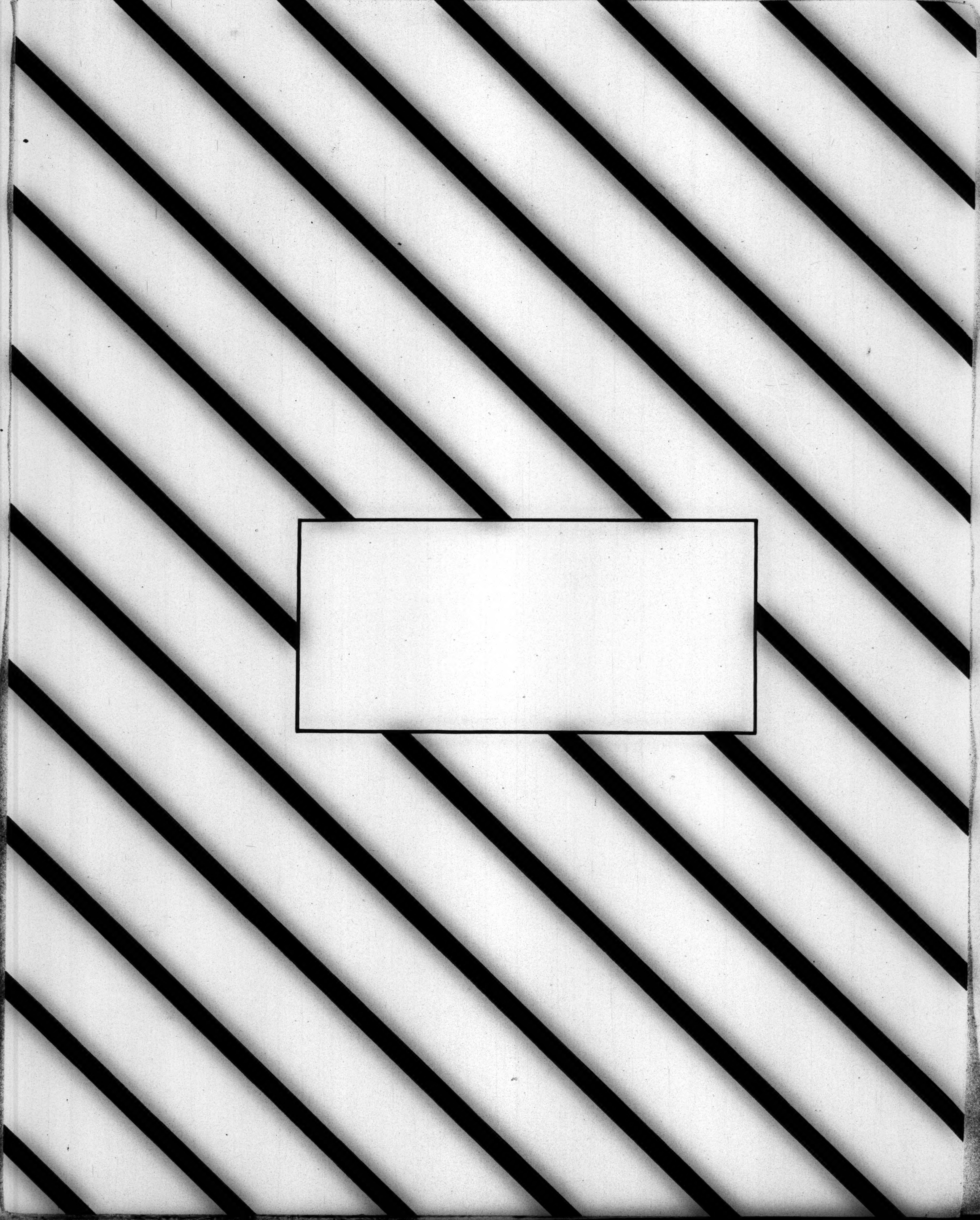

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PAPERS

1816-1894

SERIES I

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1842 - 1857

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[Cooke, John Francis]

First Colored Presbyterian Church,
To Messrs Washington City April 11th 1842.

Milton Badger & Charles Hall
Secretaries for Correspondence of the
American Home Missionary Society. New York.

Respected Sirs: Having the honour of a Commission as a Missionary from your worthy Board bearing date March 10th 1842 which came duly to hand on the 28th ultimo: In obedience to your instruction I embrace this opportunity of rendering to you my report from the organization of our church up to the 1st inst.

The First Annual Report of the Missionary of the First Colored Presbyterian Church Washington City, D.C. To The American Home Missionary Society. April 1st 1842.

1 Our Church was organized on the 21st of November 1841 with Eighteen members principally from other presbyterian Churches in this city, under the auspices of the Presbytery of the District of Columbia, through the exertions and labours of John Francis Cook of this city, a Licentiate of said Presbytery (now your missionary) aided occasionally by some of the members of the presbytery in this City, principally by the Rev John C Smith. It is at present distinguished by the name of the 1st Colored Presbyterian Church of Washington City (subject to the action of the presbytery at its ensuing meeting in May.)

2. The number of hopeful Conversions since its organization through the instrumentality of the truth administered in this Church, as far as I have ascertained, are Six; Three of who are probationary members ~~[illegible]~~ and have not as yet united with us.

3. The number added to the church by profession, are Three.

4. The number added by letter exclusive of the Eighteen who constituted the organization of the Church, are Three.

5. The number of pupils in the Sabbath School at this time are about Forty five, and still increasing. The number of Teachers

Eight, principally Females. The number of Library books are Fifty Five; besides a suitable number of Testaments, Spelling books, primmers, Cards, Hymn-books &c, for the present demands of the S School.

6. I have Bible Class exercises once a week in which about Thirty pupils unite principally Children; I hope by a continued perseverance in this branch to induce many grown persons to join in the exercises thereof.

7. Every member of our Church is required by a Standing resolution thereof, adopted at the organization of our church to be a Temperance Christian, on the principle of Total abstinence, which I am happy to believe is faithfully observed and cherished. Moreover, I am happy to state that the principle of Total Abstinence is cherished generally throughout our community, and in almost every church, and we shall embrace the earliest opportunity to organize a general Total abstinenc society in this.

8 We have not been able as a church, to contribute any thing for the benevolent objects of the day; as, at present we need help, and fin that we are barely able to sustain our own congtingent expenses; together with our Sabbath School, and our exertions to build &c, all of which will necessarily prevent us for some time from doing so; although we should be happy to bear our humble part in them all, but, "Silver and gold we have none, such as we have we give, you all, i e we fail not to put in our mite at a throne of grace in behalf of all always.

9. Our Congregations generally average from 50 to 75. We at present worship in a rented school room, notwithstanding we have some opposing obsticles we feel encouraged and are determined by the Grace of God to persevere, and if we get not weary in well doing our success to a certain degree is sure, although, we have nothing to hope for from the prevailing denominations around, who look upon us with a jealous eye; and who like sin in the

human heart, when the stronger man comes to take possession, they feel disposed to contend for every inch of ground but we have great reason to hope that the Lord in His own time will prosper his cause in the midst of us.

Considering it is a new enterprise, and with all the influences against us, our congregations, are improving, our meetings are generally all of them, as well attended as we can reasonably expect, and not in general without more or less interest and a spirit of inquiry. We labour at present under serious disadvantage, from not having a suitable place of Worship, which would doubtless prove a powerful auxiliary in favour of the cause, as a source of attraction to bring in the worldly portion of the community, so that they might be brought under the influence of the truth, thereby the Spirit and Grace of God, they might be brought to a knowledge thereof, and saved eternally in his Kingdom.

With my sincere and best wishes for the cause in which you are engaged, also for yourselves personally. In conclusion, I subscribe myself with sentiments of due consideration And Christian regard,

Your Humble Friend &c

John Francis Cook

P.S. I shall be happy to receive "the Home Missionary and Pastor's Journal," with any other documents in relation to the discharge of my duties that you may deem necessary or convenient to send, direct to me Washington City, D.C. and they will come safe.

J. F. C.

[Denham, Mary A.]

Washington City, June 6, 1842.

To the Secretaries of the A.H.M.S.

Gentlemen

Viewing the rapid increase of population in the great western vally, and the neceſsity of more faithful evangelic labourers in that region, and wishing to contribute something to that object, a number of the ladies belonging to the 4th Presbyterean Church Washington City, in January last formed a Society to be considered auxilary to the A.H.M.S. our desire is to support a miſsionary in that field and wish to know from you how much will be required to complete our object, from the number of Subscribers we hope to be able to raise two or three hundred dollars a year, we anxiously wait a reply to this and any information that will be useful to us will be gratefully received

In behalf of the Society
Mrs Mary A Denham Secty pro tem

Please direct to the care of Mr Z W Denham

Rev. John F. Cook Washington DC. Ap. 11. 1842
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Revds Milton Badger & Chas: Hall.
Secretaries for Correspondence,
of the American Home Missionary Society,
Office No 150. Nassau, Street.
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H. M. attended to

Mrs. Mary A Denham Washington City D.C. June 6. 1832
An Aux. Soc. wish a missionary designation.

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Named to them
Rev C. Rosenkrans

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To the

Secretaries of the American
Home Missionary Society,
New York.

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Washington City August 10, 1842.

Mr Charles Hall Sect A. H. M. S.

Sir

Your letter August 3. came duly to hand I would have answered before this but waited for an opportunity to lay it before the Society. I am directed to inform you that we will cheerfully contribute the money we may raise to the support of the Revd Cyrus E Rosenkrans where ever in providence of God he may be directed to labour. We enclose to you $120 being all we have now on hand to be appropriated to his support and hope we may be able to raise nearly if not all the amount necessary during the year, and with our contributions we desire you to assure him that we will not cease to follow him with our prayers that God will preserve his health and make him a blessing to the people among whom he may labour and give him many souls for his hire, We hope he will write to us and inform us of the progress of his mission and other facts that may be useful and interesting as stated in your letter. praying that God would open the hearts of the community to give liberally to the support of the Missionary in behalf of the Society I subscribe myself

Yours &c

(Mrs) Mary A Denham Sec'y
Ladies H. M. S.
Fourth Pres Church

[Cook, John F.]

Washington City March 28th 1843.
1st Cold. Presbyterian Church.

To the
Secretaries of the American Home Miſsionary Society
New York,

Dear Sirs:

In obedience to the requirements of my Commission I transmit herewith a copy of my Annual report —. "The time has arrived when in addition to my quarterly reports duly rendered to the Phila Home Miſs] Society, I am called upon by my Commission &c to render unto you my Annual Statistical Report, for the year ending March 10th 1843, being the date of my Commission. Though the result is not as great as I could wish, yet, I am happy to state by the bleſsing of God it is, what it is; and that God hath been with us, (and is with us and that to bleſs needy & inquiring souls —. But, to the Statistical requisitions, I remark.

1 That our church is known by the name of the First Colored Presbyterian Church, of the City of Washington, District of Columbia: Which is also the addreſs of the Missionary & Pastor.

2 The number of hopeful conversions since my last annual Report, through the instrumentality of the truth delivered in this Church as far as I can ascertain are Twenty Four of whom Five, have united with other Churches.

3 The number added ~~to the Church~~ by profession this year, ending the 10th instant are Sixteen.

4 The number added from other churches, which we may term by letter (although the could not get any letter; known however to be in good Standing) Two; which in all make Eighteen, added to the Church this year, together with the twenty four, reported in my last annual report of April 11th 1842 increases our number to Forty two.

5 The number of Sabbath School Scholars registered, are One Hundred & twenty one, which is an increase of Seventy Six during the past year. The number of S.S. Teachers are Twenty two being an increase of Fourteen, the past year, a few of both Teachers & Scholars, we trust have been hopefully converted to God. I conduct a Bible Claſs in my day School, once a week, in which all the reading scholars, with such S.S Teachers & Scholars as can make it convenient attend. The claſs numbers about Forty five.

6 Our Sabbath School Library has not been greatly increased during the past year the number of volumes then in the Library was, fifty five, besides, Testaments, Spelling Books, primmers, cards Hymnbooks &c. I have received a donation in Tracts &c, from the Rev R. S. Cookſ one of the Secty of the Am: Tr: So: which have been generally distributed; I trust with some succeſs. We are in need of Sabbath School Book &c.

(Over)

Mary A Denham Washington
DC Aug 1852 Enclosing
$120 for support of Rev. E.
C Rounsevans –

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J. N. Fulton

Mr Charles Hall
Office of the A. H. M. S
150. Nassau Street
New-York city

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7 I am happy to State, besides the Standing resolution adopted at the organization of our Church requiring every member to be a Temperance Christian, on the principle of Total abstinence. I have during the past year (January last) succeeded in organizing a Total Abstinence Society in the Congregation which bids fair to be prosperous, and at present numbers upwards of Fifty members.

8. We have organized no churches during the past year.

9 Our Contributions to benevolent object, with a few individual exceptions & locals objects, have been confined to liquidating the debt our church. On the first of January last we entered into an engagement which will yield at least Fifty Dollars, or more per annum, to aid the pastor; which is all we are able to contribute, with our pew rent, which at present with other donations & contributions goes towards liquidating the debt on our little Church or place of Worship; which, when we get clear of, we trust never to be behind in our contributions, in proportion to our abilities to the benevolent object of the day.

10 I remark that since my last annual Report, that we have succeeded in procuring a lot of Ground & causing to be erected a neat little Frame Church 20 by 40 feet, gallery in front, and all complete for the sum of $1050.cs, we have raised & paid the sum about $400.cs leaving about $650.cs, yet due, which we hope by the aid of our friends at home & abroad to be able to pay as soon as possible.

At this time our meetings are generally well attended, our congregation greatly increasing, the church is being much revived by the Spirit of the Lord in answer to prayer, and the faithful preaching of the word; many are inquiring the way of Salvation, & to Zion, and we trust from present appearances that the church at the next communion season, will again receive another acquisition.

I am happy to state, that in the establishing of this little branch of Zion, our anticipations have been already in a great measure realized, many of the tall sons of Pride, among our people in this community have been brought under the influence of the truth, which by the power & Spirit of God has found its way to their hearts brought them trembling to the foot of the Cross, crying for Mercy & Salvation, and they have found our Lord Jesus, as good as his word, that "He is able and willing to save to the uttermost, all that come unto God by him" - "and he that cometh - he will in no wise cast out."

Herewith you will receive an application from my church for re-appointment as Missionary. (Not sent with this letter but to Rev E R Fairchild Phila)

With my best wishes for the cause in which you are engaged, I subscribe, myself with sentiments of high consideration your humble friend a fellow-labourer in the cause of God and Truth through Jesus Christ."

John Francis Cook.

Mr Cook this people are entitled to all the confidence & support heretofore extended to them

John C Smith
Pastor 4 Presbyt ch

Washington City
30 March 1863

[Goodrich, Mrs. Harriet]

To Rev Charles Hall. Washington D.C May 16th 1843

Dear Sir I ought have written to you 5 months ago but have delayed it from time to time untill now, I write to desire you to change the direction of the H. Mis. and Pastors Journal as it is very inconvenient for me to go half a mile, to Mrs Denham's to get it. Mrs D was Acting Sec at the time she wrote to the Society and Mr Smith not knowing at that time who was Sec requested you to send it to her, but you will see the neceſsity of my having it as early as poſsible in order to make such selections from it, as may be interesting to read in our monthly meeting, We received a letter from our Miſsionary last winter which was highly interesting to us,

Our Society desire that whenever you have any information which you may deem useful to them, any facts which you could communicate with regard to Home miſsions. they will be very glad to receive it and to pay the postage on all such letters, "Our Society is in a prosperous condition at present (considering the hard times),

With ardent wishes and earnest prayers for a continued bleſsing on your society; and an outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the Miſsion stations in our own beloved land.

I Remain very respectfully

Your Sister in Christ

Mrs Harriet Goodrich

Corr Sec Ladies H. M. Society

Per John F Cook Washington
City D.C. March 28. 1843
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WASHINGTON CITY
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Revds Milton Badger & Charles Hall.
Secretaries of the American Home Miss.y Society.
No 150 Naussau Street,
New York
N.Y.

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[Goorich, Mrs. Harriet]

To Rev. C Hall. Washington July 9 1843
D.C

Dear Sir;

We, as a society have taken the liberty of directing a box to your care, which is intended as a present for the Rev. Cyrus S Rosenkrans. we were told that it would be best not to pay the freight all the way through, and we wish you to pay it and deduct the amount from the money which we shall send you shortly for Mr Ro, We received a letter from him a few weeks ago, in which he gave us directions how we send him a box, this he did at our request, as we wished to send him a present. The box will be sent off tomorrow afternoon by the rail road. it is to be directed to the care of Rev. Charles Hall &c No 150 Nassau st N York, we hope you will be kind enough to see it safely off to Wis. when you receivest it, and let us know the expense.

I Remain Very Respectfully
Your Sister in Christ
Mrs Harriet Goodrich,
Sec L H M Soc.
4 Pres. Ch

Mrs. Harriett Goodrich
Washington, D.C.
May 16, 1843

[Goodrich, Mrs. H]

$80

Washington Sep 21st 1843

Dear Sir. "The "Ladies H M Soc." of the 4th Pres Ch. desire that you would purchase for Mr Rosenkrans the stoutest kind of an overcoat, such as will suit the cold climate he is exposed to. he has suffered with rheumatism during the past summer, by not having thick clothing to travel about in last winter. he says his size is 5 feet 10 inches, rather slender, so you will be able to judge ~~of~~ the size of the coat. "He also wants a pair of stout boots his measure is 8 1/2. will you please to get these also, and send them to him as soon as practicable. ~~with~~ Also the remaining money, which he must be much in want of. Mr Smith our Pastor advised us to adopt this course, as being better than to purchase them here, as they would cost much more here than ~~there~~ in NY. Enclosed is a draft for $80.

Please let us know the result,

very Respectfully

Your Sister in Christ

Mrs H Goodrich.

Cor. Sec'y L H M Soc,

To Revd Charles Hall.

[Smith, Mrs. J.C.]

My dear brethren

I enclose you a check for 66.75 a half of what has been raised for Foreign & Home Missions but I do not know from what time to what time. My ladies are raising about $300 - this year for Rosenkrans in Wisconsin. We have sent to Fairchild in Philadelp over $100 = this year. Had we better send all our money to him? I am a Vice President in that Phila: society & perhaps all our funds had better go to him - what do you say? I have no choice about it.

Please tear Armstrong's half off & send it to him with his check, & acknowledge the receipt + &c

Affy yours &c
John C Smith
Washn City 30 June 1843

+ from 4 Presbyn church - Washn City

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Mr. H. Goodrich Washington DC
Sep 21, 1843 [illegible]
to Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans

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Rev. Charles Hall
Sec. A.H.M.Soc.
No. 150 Nassau st
New York

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[Stansbury, Susanna]

$80 -

Rev Charles Hall Sec. of the Home Missionary society N. York

Sir

I herewith transmit to your care Eighty Dollars, which in addition to $120 formerly transmitted, make $200, being the amount collected during the last year, by the Ladies Home Misso. Soc of the 4th Presbyterian Church, Washington, - and which you are respectfully requested to forward to the Rev. Mr Rozencrantz, a Missionary whom we have, in part, engaged to support, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

With respect, I am,

Sir, your friend and fellow Servant

in christ,

Susanna Stansbury

President of Ladies Home Mis. Soc.

Washington

March 19. 1843.

Rev. J. C. Smith
Washington City D.C.
June 30. 1843 $66.75

Inquiries

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Rev^d. Messrs. Hill & Badger
Sec^s. American Home Miss^y Society
New York

Wrote Rec^t.
& Ans^d. by
Mr Hill

Wrote Rec^t.
Sen^d.

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[Clephane, Lewis]

Washington Aug. 7th 1844.

Rev. M. Badger }
Rev. Chs. Hall } Gentlemen

You have doubtless seen a Sermon delivered in this City on the Anniversary of our National Independance by the Rev. J. C. Smith on the Religion & Patriotism of '76. Said Sermon has been Published by the Junior Missionary Society of the 4th Presbn Church, of which I have the honor of being President, a number of copies have ^been^ sold in this City, and highly prised, and in order to make it as usefull and to give it as general a circulation as possible, have concluded to place in your hands, should it meet with your approbation, 750 copies for gratuitous circulation in the far West - particularly at the Station of our Missionary Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans Troy. Wis. and such other Stations as you may think advisable.

The subject of the Sermon, I think is one that will be read with great interest by every Christian and friend of true Liberty - our object is to do as much good with them as possible.

Should you feel disposed to accept of these copies, and dispose of them as above specified they are at your service and will be packed and sent to you as you may order -

Yours &c most Truly
Lewis Clephane
Presd. J. M. Society

P.S. We should like to have an answer by return mail as we wish to know your opinion by Saturday - -

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Susanna Stansbury Washington
City D.C. March 19. 1833
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Rev. Chas. Hall

Secy Amer. Home Miss: Soc.y

New York

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It is our purpose to pay the freight to N. York and onward – We would thank you to inform us of the probable cost of transportation to the west, which amt. will be remitted you before the copies are sent on –

L.C.

Dear Brethren

I hope it may be convenient to you to take charge of the bundle for the Junior Missionary Society. They will of course pay all the expenses & they only trouble you with it, because they do not know how to get the sermons into the West. The sermon a copy of which is sent, is against Romanism – Please answer the President Mr Clephane by return mail –

Fraternally

Wm C Smith

Wash City 7 Aug 1845

Ansd Aug 8th

[Cook, John Francis]

First Colored Presbyterian Church }
Washington City March 18th 1844. }

To Revds. Messrs Badger & Hall }
Secretaries of the A. H. M Society }
New York.

Rev Sirs:

In compliance with my commission for the year ending March the 10th 1844. I hasten to render my "Annual Statistical Report." Having also transmitted a Copy to the Secty P. H. M So:

1. The name of the Church is the "First Colored Presbyterian Church" of Washington city D.C. Which is also the post-Office and address of the Missionary.

2. The number of hopeful conversions this year are - - - - 36

3. The number added to the Church on a profession of their faith &c 36

4. The number added by letter - - . . 3 Total 39

Making the whole now in communion at this time Eighty One.

5. The number of Sabbath School Scholars Registered are . . . 125

Teachers 25. Averege attendance of Scholars at present about 50 }
Bible Class (Juvenile & adult together) about . 45 }

6. The number of Volumes in the Sabbath School Library, besides Testaments Spelling books. Hymn books &c - . . . 50

Library and other Books are much wanting at this time.

7. The number of Total Abstinence or Temperance Subscribers . . . 110

8. No new Churches Organized - . . . 0

9. Save the sum of nearly $30 Dollars paid the pastor on acct: of last years services ending Decr 31st 1843. We have taken up penny Collections at our Monthly Concert meetings for Home & Foreign Missionary purposes and now in my hands the sum of - - - . . $ 1.00

10. We have also paid towards liquidating the due on our Church,

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Ans. Aug 8th

Rev. M. Badger & Chs. Hall —
Secretaries A. H. M. Society
New-York

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Lewis Clephane Washington City Au[illegible] 750 copies of Rev. J. S. Smith's sermon (by our own exertions and the Aid of kind friends through the favour of God) together with the interest upwards of . . $ 500.00 leaving a balance to be paid of about $170 - interest and all.

Our Bible Claſs & Sabbath School, though kept in existance through the winter, but, (as you will perceive) is not as flourishing as formerly, but I am happy to state is as the Spring advances, they are reviving.

I am also happy to state that of all those who have united with us from time to time we have as yet lost none but all generally hold on their way rejoicing in Christ Jesus the hope of eternal glory. One last Summer went home to heaven triumphing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is at present a considerable interest still manifested, which we trust by the grace of God will be brought into the Kingdom of Christ. We can truly say "thus far the Lord has brought us on" -. And with our many thanks to Him, and kind friends; not forgetting your worthy institution, we exclaim & reiterate - "to Him be all the glory, now henceforth & forever !! Amen & Amen !!!

My Commission expired on the 10th inst. A copy of this report with an application from the Church for reappointment has been forwarded to the Secty of A.H.M.So". With my best wishes & humble prayers for the Cause in which you are engaged, I subscribe myself affectionately. Your Humble Brother in the cause of Christ.

John Francis Cook

Pastor & Missionary
of 1st Col. Pres. Chh W. C.
D. C.

I cordially recommend
Revd J. F. Cook as I have [illegible]

John C. Smith
Pastor 4th Church Wash. City

WASHINGTON D.C. MAR 19

To Rev Milton Badger
& Rev Charles Hall.
Corresponding Secretaries
of the American Home Miss^y Society:
No 150 Nassau St
New York
N.Y.

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Rev. John F. Cook Wash. City
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[Danforth, Rev. J. N.]

Alexandria, May 8. '44.

Dear Sir,

Inclosed is a draft for $53.93 to which $30 are to be added as per order on next page. This order will be, I doubt not, duly honored by Mr Hallock, to whom I desire you to present it, having written to him about it. The cause of Home Missions must indeed come home to every Christian bosom. Our people have felt it. They give it the highest rank in their affections, for they tremble for their country. The sum herewith sent is made up of many small donations & is therefore the expression of the interest of many hearts in this cause. May the wisdom of God guide your counsels, the arm of God uphold you, & the blessing of God attend all your efforts. Many years have I taken and read the Home Missionary with great delight – often with wonder at the noble & generous spirit of those men under your care – ~~them~~ who have rendered such services & made such sacrifices for ~~the~~ good of their country & the glory of their Master. They linger not, like the idle ones, around the pleasant Atlantic shores, but throw themselves directly into the thickest of the conflict. What immense good will they do!

Yours &c.

The whole should be credited to the Second Presb. Church, Alexandria, D.C. by Rev. J. N. Danforth

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Mr Jasper Corning
Treasurer of Home Miss'y &c
New York

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Rev. J. N. Danforth Alexandria
D.C. May 8. 1834 $83.93

[Goodrich, Mrs. H.]

Washington Jany. 15 1844

To the Revd. Chas. Hall

Dear Sir

Your letter of the date of Nov. 22. came duly to hand. Having understood from Mr Rosenkrans that $200. per year was the amount which he expected to recieve from your Society, we determined, with the divine blessing, to supply that amount. You will remember that up to the first of last April we had sent $200. & then for the last $80. sent, was one half of it intended as an advance on the coming year, and the other half to purchase an overcoat &c for Mr R. The money from the Children of the free school was intended as a *present* for Mr R. but having understood from him ~~that~~, that this was sent to him for an overcoat, we conclude that you still have the $80. in hand as a part of this years salary. We should like to be informed if you understand the matter in this light

Very respectfully Yours &c

Mrs H. Goodrich

Secy. Ladies H M S. 4th Pres. Church

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Revd. Charles Hall
Secy. A.H.M.S.
150 Nassau St
New York City

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Mrs W. Goodrich Washington
D.C. Jan 15. 1834 Inquiry as to
appointment to [illegible] C. E. Rosenkrans

$60

Rev. Charles Hall. Sec A.H.M.S Washington March 28th 1844

Dear Sir, I herewith send you a draft for $60 dollars, on behalf of the "Ladies H M S, of the fourth Pres. Ch. Washington, for the benefit of Cyrus E Rosenkrans. It should have been sent sooner, but the delay was unavoidable, We are happy to be able to contribute our little for the support of the gospel in the "Far West." It is difficult to collect even our small contributions. I saw by the last H.M. that your Soc. had re-appointed Mr R. to Troy. for which situation I hope he will be found capable. That his labors & yours, may be greatly blest is the prayer of

Your Sister in Christ
Mrs H Goodrich.
Sec "Ladies H. M S,
4th Pres. Ch,

Mr H. Gorsuch Washington
D.C. March 28. 1833 $60.

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[Goodrich, Mrs. Harriet]

To Rev C Hall (night)

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Washington Sep. 16th 1844,

Dear Sir

I enclose (in great haste) to you $50. on behalf of the Ladies H M Soc of the 4th Pres ch Washington, I shall be in your city (the Lord willing) on wedensday, & drop this in the office if I do not get to see you,

Adieu,
Yours in Christ
Mrs Harriet Goodrich
Cor Sec L H M S
4th Pres ch

You may answer this at leisure,

Rect given

Rev Charles Hall,
Sec A H M Soc,
150 Nassau st
New York,

care of Mr J Goodrich

[Cook, John F.]

First Colored Presbyterian Church
Washington City March 13th 1845

To Revds: Messrs Badger & Hall:
Secretaries of Correspondence,
of the American Home Miss Society.
New York:

Revd & Dear Brothers: The time has arrived when by the requirements of my commission I am called up as your missionary to render my "Annual Statistical Report" for the year thereof ending March 10th 1845. Though not what I desire it should be, yet in the language of a disciple "such as I have give I unto you"–

1. The name of the church is the "First Cold Pres Church of W. City D.C. which is the address of your missionary.

2. The number of hopeful conversions this year are 3. 3. The number added by profession are 3

4. The number added by letter is One 1. Thus increasing our number of communicants since last Annual Report to —— —— —— 85

5. The number of Sab School & Bible Class Scholars average at present about —— 50

The number fluctuates greatly, increasing in Spring & Summer sometimes to upwards of an 100

6. The number of Volumes in the S S Library, besides Testaments, Spell Books &c &c are 163 being an increase above 100 since last An Report, being in part a present from 4 Pres Ch: of this City

7. The number of Temperance subscribers have increased to about —— 125

8 No additional churches organized.

9. Our contributions for benevolent objects, other than those necessary object arising in & for the Church for the liquidation of its debts are necessarily small. I have however about $2.00 penny Collections taken up at our Monthly Concert, for Foreign & Home Missions. During the year 1844, there has been paid on accd of Pastors Salary about $125cs there is still about $25cs due on that year, and about $30cs due on arrears of 1843.

10. We have paid the balance of our principal debt on our place of worship about of about $175cs including principal & interest. We are still indebted for fence, filling up &c &c to the amount of about $100.cs which we hope to be able to pay off during the present year. In the mean time we shall still be dependent for aid from your worthy society.

Mrs. Harriet
Washington D.C.
1834 $50.

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There has nothing of interest transpired this year worthy your attention; It has been a season of death & winnowing rather than gathering. It was my pleasure last year to state – "that of all those who had united with us from time to time we have as yet lost none" &c; but I am sorry to have to say, that while iniquity has abounded throughout the past year in our City & country, the love of many have waxed cold, and it has been our painful necessity to exclude *three*; and lay aside from the priviliges of the communion as many more; we pray daily that they may all be brought to repentance & restored to the bosom of their Spiritual Mother, whom they have so grieved & wounded by sin. Notwithstanding we have much to thank & praise God through Christ. Our popular services are regularly performed and generally well attended with apparently many attentive hearers of the word; and though considerable interest is sometimes manifested, yet, there are at present no conversions. We *Plough* & *Sow* in hope. Our week night lectures, & prayer meetings, are, though regularly carried on, only tolerably well attended; or rather they are fluctuating. Though we have paid off our principal debt, we still owe as you perceive above about an hundred dollars; therefore we will require your assistance a while longer; and if we find it necessary to enlarge; or build a larger place of worship we shall perhaps continue to want the same for some time to come.

My Commission expired on the 10th inst, and application has been forwarded to the Phila Ho Miss Society for a reappointment. With my best wishes & humble prayers for the Cause in which you are engaged – I subscribe myself Affectionately, your humble brother in the Cause of Christ

John F. Cook
Pastor & Missionary
1st Cold Pres Ch
W. C. D.C.

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Rev Milton Badger
& Rev Charles Hall
Secretaries for Correspondence
of the American Home Miss y Society.
No 150 Nassau Street.
New York,
N.Y.

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Rev. John F. Cooke Washington
City D.C. March 13. 1835
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Washington Mch 18. 1845.

Dear Sir $50.

Enclosed is a draft for $50. from the Ladies H.M.S. of the 4th Pres. church for the support of the Revd. C E Rosenkrans.

J. Corning Esq

very respectfully, Yours
Mrs H. Goodrich

[Goodrich, Mrs. H.]

Washington March 18 1845.

To the Revd. Charles Hall

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Ladies H M S of the 4th Pres. Church to inform you that the resources of our Society have fallen off very much this year, in consequence of many of our Subscriber having withdrawn & discontinued their contributions. You will recollect that we sometime since agreed to raise the sum of $200. per ann. for the support of C E Rosenkrans. The Society desire to know whether in the event of their failing to raise that amt. his salary would be reduced, or whether your Society would be able to make up the deficiency, and to what amt, — We desire that all the money that we may be able to raise, may be applied to his support, as the object of our Society is to support a Miſsionary in the West. We think from the letters we recieve from him that he must be in need, although he does not complain much. We may not be able to raise this year more than $150. or $175. Please write to us as soon as convenient

Very respectfully Yours

Mrs Harriet Goodrich

Sec. Ladies H M S. 4th Pres Church

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[Goodrich, H.]

Washington DC June 19th 1846

Sir,

There seems to be a want of interest on the subject of home missions, which we think is the principall cause of the falling off in our soc, a few have withdrawn (we believe) from *real inability*, and others from *professed do*.

Some of us noticed in the "Christian Observer" that in publishing the Receipts of the "Phila H M S" they have twice published our remittance, though it had been received there. Is not this a mistake? and could you not correct it in some one of your communications with them? you will oblige the society by so doing.

May the blessing of God rest upon your labors.

Very Respectfully &c
Mrs H C Goodrich
Sec L H M S 4th Presb

To Rev. Charles Hall
Sec AHMS.

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Revd. Charles Hall Sec. H.M.S.
150 Nassau St
New York City

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Mrs. H. Goodrich, Washington D.C.
March 18. 1845.– Remitting $50.

Wm H Goodrich Washington
City D.C. June 19. 1845 $50—

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Rev Charles Hall,
Sec A H M S
151 Nassau st
New York

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Dear Sir   Washington Oct 3d 1845

The Ladies HMS desire me to forward the quarterly dues of their Soc It should have been sent last month but we had not money enough in the treasury we held a public meeting to aid the soc in raising funds to support ~~their~~ the Miss. we did not succeed very well. but got enough to make out the present 50, which, while ever we are able to raise it or any other amount we desire it to be appropriated to the Rev Cyrus E Rosenkrans

Very Respectfully.

Mrs Harriet Goodrich
Sec Ladies HMS
4th Presb ch

To Jasper Corning Esq
Treas ASHMS,

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[Goodrich, Mrs. H.]

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Washington Oct 3d 1845

Dear Brother

On one of the covers of the H M I noticed a statement saying "that any Auxiliary soc paying ten dolls was entitled to receive one copy, for every ten," thus our soc would be entitled to 20 copies. Does the fact that our soc pays their money for one particular individual "alter the case" or are we also entitled to 20 copies? if so, we would like to have them sent to us.

Your sister in Christ
Mrs H Goodrich
Sec L H M S. 4th Pres ch

To Rev Cha Hall
Sec A H S.

[Smith, E. G.]

Washington Feby 15. '45

Dear Sir,

I recd your letter of the 11th & but for great pressure of business should before this have answered it. The Report is not yet out of the Press but when published I will take care to have one forwarded to you. I should be pleased to have you send the Magazine to Mr Ellsworth for me.—

Hon. H. L. Ellsworth
Com of Patents.

Yours truly &c
E Goodrich Smith

Rev. Charles Hall—
Secy of Am. Home Missy Society

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To Rev Charles Hall
Sec A H M S
150 Nassau St
New York

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Mr. H Goodrich Washington City D.C. Oct 3. 1835 $50

[McDill, W.]

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Post Office Department,
Appointment Office,
Washington DC. 12 July 1845.

Sir,

The various questions which have arisen under the "New Law", with respect to the character of certain publications, (among which is the Home Missionary) whether they are to be classed with Magazines or newspapers, thereby determining the amount of postage with which they are properly chargeable, have been submitted by the Post M. Genl, to the Atto' Genl for his opinion.—

As soon as his views are obtained, you shall be furnished therewith.—

Very Respectfully

W. McDill

2 Asst P.M.G.

Mr Milton Badger.—
N York.—

E. G. Smith, Esq. Washington
D.C. Feb. 15, 1845. – order of the
Home Miss. —

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Mr. Milton Badger
New York
New York

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W. Medill, Washington D.C. July 12,
1845, – Postage of the 'Home
Missionary.'

[Goodrich, Mrs. H.]

Revd Sir   Washington Jan 3d 1846

The enclosed $50 is from the "Ladies H. M. S. of the 4th Pres church. It should have been sent last month but for circumstances which prevented our having a meeting."
I waited for this occasion to send you a list of names, to whom you could send the H Missy they are annexed below.

We hope that we may yet be able to continue our support to Mr Rosenkrans still another year. we think him deserving & as his family is increasing he must stand in need of the mite which we contribute, & even more could we raise it.

I remain in the bonds of
Christian affection
Yours
Mrs H Goodrich.

Rev. Charles Hall.

Mrs C H Vanpatten
" A Wood.
" E Green.
" Z W Denham.
" E Deeble.
" G S Gideon.
" M Larner.
" M A Rives.
" S DeCamp.
" — Kallter.
" E C Scott
" Wm Steiger.

Mrs I F Hunt.
Miss Margaret Wannall.

The remainder may be directed to me tile further notice

H G—

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Revd Charles Hall Sec. A.H.M.S.
No 150 Nassau St
New York City

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Mrs. H. Goodrich Washington City
D.C. Jan 3. 1836 $50.

[Goodrich, Harriet

To Rev: Charles Hall
Sec A. H. M. S.

Washington May 14th 1846

Revd Sir

The Ladies H. M. S. of the fourth Pres: ch have lately received a letter from the Revd C E Rosenkrans in which he states that he has been re-appointed to his former place in East Troy. & also, that he has been allowed but $150. for the coming year by your soc: & that he is promised but 150 more by the ch there. Now this greatly surprized us, because we have distinctly stated more than once that we desired that all the money which we sent might be applied to his support. Not that we have any want of confidence in your principles of operation, but because we know that he must need all that we send. & more beside, then he would be getting $100 less than he was to receive the first year he went out there. (and surely his expences are far greater now than they were then, this, all who have familes know. — Should any of us place ourselves in his situation we should find it very hard to get along on even four hundred a year) Therefore the soc desire to know, whether you will send him the two hundred, provided they still continue to send it. we have been able to raise that amount thus far, but the soc do not wish to send any more than is sent to him, because we feel more interested in him than we do in others, from our relations to him. We, perhaps feel more for him particularly than you do because you have so many to care for. We wish to hear from you very soon touching this matter. I am, very Respecty

Mrs Harriet Goodrich
Sec L H M S 4th Presb

To Jasper Corning.
Treas.r Albany.

Washington May 14th 1846

Sir

Enclosd is a fifty dollar note from the Ladies H M Soc of the 4th Pres.n Ch for the benefit of C E Rosenkrans Miss at East Troy W T.

Very Respect.y
Mrs H Goodrich
Sec Ladies H M Soc
fourth Pres Ch

$50.

[Goodrich, Harriet]

1846

Washington May 28th

Rev Sir.

The "Ladies" ~~[illegible]~~ desire that you will send Rev A C Rosenkrans the ($50) fifty dollars as a private donation from their soc.

They consider your reasons very just, they wish, however, to concentrate their efforts, believing it will accomplish the greatest amount of good.

That your Soc may long be enabled to continue their great work,

is the prayer of

your humble correspondent,

Harriet Goodrich

To Rev Charles Hall.

Sec AHMS.

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Revd. Charles Hall
No 150 Nassau St
New York

Mrs. Mary [illegible] Goodrich. Wash.
[illegible] May 14. 1846.—
[illegible] for [illegible] Board.

Q [Lain, W. M.]

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Colo.n Rooms
Washington City, 29 Jan. 1846

My Dear Bro.

Your favor of the 24 inst. is at hand. The notice about *postage* on the Repository is given *by authority* of the *Law*. I have had a controversy with the *old* P. M. General ever since July 1. on the subject — and he had *admitted* that I was right: the subject was also referred to the Atty. Gen. & he gave his decision in favor of all (so called) pamphlets which conformed as the Repos. does to the requirements of the Law. And yet the P. M. Gen. has refused to instruct his P. Masters to act accordingly. He still refuses, & without any reason. — In many instances the Repos. goes as a Newspaper. In others not. I shall keep the *notice* on the cover as usual — & dispute every inch of ground with them until it is finally settled. I shall also lay the matter before the Com. of the House. In all this I shall be glad of your aid. If I get any thing favorable I will let you know. If you can get the P. M. Gen. to refer the specific case of your Journal to the Atty. Gen. there is no doubt that he will decide it to be a Newspaper. —

The Repos. shall be sent in exchange for the Ho. Miss., I thought this had been done —

Yours very resp. W. McLain

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.

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Revd Charles Hall
150 Nassau St
New York City

Harriet Goodrich, Washington, D.C. May 28, 1846. — Orders $50 sent to Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans. —

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[Cook, John F.]

Washington City March 10th 1847.
First Col'd Presbyterian Church.

To the Secretaries of the
American Home Miss'y Society
No 150 Nassau St New York

Rev'ds & Dear Sirs & Brothers

In compliance with my commission I transmit here ~~the~~ usual annual statistical report for the year of my commission ending this date being a transcript of that forwarded to the Phil'a H. M. So: this day. Having nothing of peculiar interest to state I shall confine myself to the form laid down in my instructions and Report 1st. The name of our Church is the First Col'd Pres Church of Washington City ~~D.C.~~ which is also the address of your servant the Pas & Miss'y.

2. Number of hopeful conversions this year are Four.

3. The number added to the church this year, only Three, increasing our register to Ninety three members of which two has died in the triumphs of faith.

4. Number of S School ~~and Bible~~ Classes, One S School, & 2 Bible Classes Consisting of 153 Scholars & 15 Teachers registered, average attendance about one half of each.

6 The number of volumes in S S Library 296, new and old.

7. I am happy to state that our whole church are temperance subscribers on the total abstinance principle, and generally keep it.

8 No new churches organized. 9 Our contributions to benevolent objects. 1 Home Missions $5.00. 2 For Missions $2.50. Sabbath School $18.00 Other local contributions considerable in various ways principally for church aid, and aiding the poor slave to purchase themselves these last calls are very numerous.

Rev. W. McLain, Washington,
D.C. 29th. Jan. 1846.— Postage
of the African Repository.—

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We regret to have to say that the year just ended like the two preceding has been a year of great dearth in all our Churches in this City. 'Iniquity abounds & the love of many waxes cold. We have completed our church debt and are making efforts to raise means to build a more commodious house of worship. Hence shall have to claim your aid still longer. We are somewhat in arrears in the pastor's salary and in Church contingencies, but in hopes soon to be intirely clear of debt. We have a few cases of discipline on hand for immoralities of a minor character, & one for dancing. We hope & pray for wisdom to guide and direct. This is a City of great temptations, trials & difficulties, we have to be on the alert & watch & pray daily; but I hope the Lord by his grace will bring us out more than conquerors through him that loved us. We have certainly many very happy seasons, especially our communion seasons, the Lord always gives us the manifestations of his presence. Still lend us your prayers and aid. The Church renews its application for a continuance of your assistance. With my best wishes & humble prayers, I subscribe myself, Your humble fellow laborer in the cause of Christ.

John F. Cook Sr.
Missy & Pastor

Revd J F Cook has my entire confidence as a man of God and a faithful pastor

John C Smith
Pastor 4 Presbyn Ch

[Deshiell, Rev. A.H.]

Washington D.C. July 22nd 1847.

Rev Milton Badger, D.D.

Dear Sir

I have regretted ever since I left New York - that I did not have a personal interview with you, respecting fields of labor, which your society desire to occupy - While at the Seminary my mind became much interested in the Missionary work in our own country, & I trust that I consecrated myself to it. But I have not been able to decide upon the particular field, on which to bestow my efforts. I was born & raised at the South - tho' I have received my literary & theological education in the North. My sympathies have naturally turned to the South. & I have earnestly desired to be instrumental of furthering the interest of the Redeemers Kingdom there. I still feel the liveliest interest in it - and the more so because so few are willing to go and endure all the trials & discouragements which belong to this most difficult field. I have no love for Slavery, but I do compassionate the condition, of slave holders, and while I feel, that my own labors will not probably meet with so cheering results, as in States - where there is freedom & enterprise I can't find it in my heart to leave them.

In looking over the field - I mean the whole slave holding country - My mind has fastened with more interest on Texas & Missouri - than any other parts - The whole is a vast wilderness - but these have appeared to me to be more open to Missionary effort, than other States. Did some circumstances of a-

Rev. John F. Cook, Washington,
D.C. March 10, 1847.—
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Rev. Milton Badger &
Rev. Charles Hall.
Secretaries for Correspondence
of American Home Miss. Society.
No 150 Nassau Street
New York
N.Y.

personal nature admit, I would have no hesitancy at once in selecting Texas of these two States - Indeed I would like to go there above all other places - even at the risque of my health which has never been good in the far South, owing to my ~~the~~ exposedness to bilious complaints. I have thought then that I would enquire of you: whether your Society contemplated sending any Missionaries to Missouri - & whether there were any fields ~~open~~ at present to Missionary effort. I should prefer going somewhere in the Northern part of the State - if it were practicable.

I had not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, during my Seminary course - but I think I can take the liberty of referring you to our Professors - for any information you may desire as to me, should I conclude to apply for a commission from the A. H. M. Society.

I am now supplying the 1st church in this city & shall be so engaged for at least two sabbaths. In which time, I would be pleased, if you would reply to this communication. Should you desire my services, I do not know that I could go 'till late in the fall - but more of this anon - &

I remain Yours truly
A. H. Dashiell Jr.

[Goodrich, Mrs. Harriet]

1847
Washington March 12th

Revd Sir,

The enclosed $ 50. is from the Ladies Home Miss Soc (of the Fourth Presb ch.) for the use of Rev Cyrus C Rosenkrans. It would have been sent much sooner, but we found it almost impossible to collect this amount, altho' there is much more due us.

You will oblige us by leaving off, ~~altering~~ the name of Miss Margaret Wannal, on the list for the "Home Miss." and replacing that of Mrs S Holmes.

I remain
very Respectfully
Yours Mrs H Goodrich
Sec L H M S

Rev. Charles Hall
Sec A H M S

Revd. A. H. Dashiell, Washington, D.C.,
July 22, 1847.— Relative to a field
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Mrs. Harriet
Washington City
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Revd. Charles Hall
150 Nassau St
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[Goodrich, Mrs. Harriet]

Respt Sir Washington Sep 17th 1847.

I am desired by the Ladies H M Soc of the fourth Pres ch to foward the enclosed fifty dollars for the use of Rev C C Rosenkrans.

We have not heard any thing from him lately, Please let us know if you still support him.

You are the best judges, as to whether he needs that support still,

We expect to hold a public meeting next month when the Rev J C Smith will preach a sermon for the benefit of the soc, when we hope to raise some more funds.

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Yours

Mrs Harriet Goodrich

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Mr Jasper Corning
Treasurer A. H. M. S.
150 Nassau St
New York

Receipt

[Hyde G. C.]

(Not answered, as no place of address is given)
Langley not on the list of Post Offices & no knowledge of the State —

Langley, P.O. Oct 4. 1849

Rev. Milton Badger

Dear Sir

I am a Presbyterian minister connected with the Geneva Pres'y, and have been settled until recently near Geneva. Ill health obliged me temporarily to relinquish the duties of the Ministry; but as I am now in the possession of my health, a desire of again being employed in my holy avocation, constantly urges me to survey the fields now open to spiritual action. My mind inclines me westward, as there is the most fertile promise of usefulness. I wish very much to know if there are any promising openings, now before you, to which a Missionary can go, without any delay. If you can immediately point out to me, some such places, I will be much obliged to you. Do you in giving a Commission allow any outfit, or advance any sum by which the Missionary can reach a distant station? In my present circumstances such a provision is necessary. If any information concerning my character and acceptableness is desired, it may be obtained from almost any member of the Geneva Pres. but I may particularly refer to the Rev Mr Cannon agent of A.B.C.F. Rev. James Murray. agent of the H. Mis Society both of Geneva or the Rev Dr Fay now of Owego N.Y. An immediate answer is solicited as the advancing season renders it necessary to be located soon, Yours Respectfully. Geo. C. Hyde

P.S. My object is to secure as important a post as possible as I wish to establish by means of my wife a Female Seminary of the highest character so that we both may exercise the greatest degree of intellectual & moral influence - I understand that there are such localities at the West where a religious & moral intellectual influence is extremely wanted. I shall of course have nothing to do with a literary ~~except so~~ project except so far as it would be patronized and aided by any clergyman under similar circumstances,

G. C. H.

Rev. G. C. Hyde [illegible] Langley ~~Georgetown~~
D.C., Oct 14. 1837 Inquiries
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Rev. Milton Badger
New-York City

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[Smith, Rev. R. A.]

Tenlytown, District of Columbia, March. 1. 1847.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

According to the directions of the "Phila. H. M. Soc." I send the following duplicate report, to the Am. H. M. Soc.

Your missionary respectfully presents the following succinct report from Oct. 1, 1846.

1 I have two preaching places.- One called Bethesda, Montgomry Co. Md. & the other Sharon, near Tenlytown. D. C. - My Post Office addre is Tenlytown D. C.

2 So far as my knowledge extends there have been at least five hopeful conversions in the Sharon congregation since the date of my commission. (Oct. 1, 1846)

3 My Bible Class has 16 members, & the Sab. School inclusive about 35, this winter - It will increase in the summer - We have no Sab. School at Bethesda during the winter season.

4 At Sharon we have 100. vols in the Sunday S. Library (a present from the Am. S. S. (Union) and at Bethesda about 200. vols. purchased by contributions from the congregation

5. Bethesda congregation contributed about forty dollars, two weeks since to the Maryland State Bible Soc. - This sum will be increased hereafter as the congregation was small on that day. This was the first presentation of the cause. — about one hundred & thirty dollars has just been subscribed to erect a school house, which will soon be completed. We have four schools within the bounds of my two congregations. Two of the Teachers are members of Bethesda church one being an elder - & the other two are members of the congregations

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the church edifice at Sharon (which I bought on my own responsibility)
d from the pecuniary embarrassments of the times & the coldness of religion
iling in the hearts of God's people, the process has been slow & fatiguing—
t I am happy to say not altogether hopeless. I have raised about one third
f the adequate amount.— — One young man of great promise, recently
dained an elder in Bethesda Church is pursuing a course of theological
tudies and designs, as soon as he can prepare himself to enter the work
f the gospel ministry. He is a most excellent man— a graduate of
Amherst college — and a son of a late Missionary at the Sandwich
Islands, who now *rests* from the self denying labors of a quarter of a century
in heathen lands.

With the Divine blessing I hope to organize a church at
Sharon in a few weeks— This is emphatically missionary ground & if
properly cultivated will yield a joyful harvest for the heavenly kingdom
I preach at Bethesda every Sab. morning to a very regular, respectable
attentive congregation— In the afternoon I preach at Sharon— I have
recently commenced a regular weekly prayer meeting at private houses
Bethesda Congregation contributes (promptly) $200. per year to my salary.
A most commendable spirit of *liberality* is increasingly manifested in
is church. To me & my family their *generous kindness* has been peculiarly
ffectionate & constant. *Many who are not professors of religion have given*
to *the Lord's cause with* truly *enlarged christian benevolence* =(I received for the
uarter ending Jan. 1, 1847 from the Phila H. M Soc. $75 & from my field of labor
50.)— Unused to writing reports of this kind, I presume I have already written too
much or rather too *many words*. I might have enlarged by way of pleasant
rrative & speculative comments upon many interesting incidents which have met
y observation; but it is not agreeable to my taste & I suppose you wish for simple
ts alone. I only add that the Lord has been truly gracious, & while I am resolved to continue
his service with devoted faithfulness in future, I humbly trust, my labors, as
our Missionary, have not been altogether unprofitable for the past.

Very respectfully

ev. Milton Badger D.D. Sec. A. H. M Soc. Yours &c R. A. Smith

[Smith, R. A.]

Tenlytown D. C. March 1, 1847

Dear Sir,

The Rev. Fairchild of Philadelphia ordered "the "Home Missionary" to be sent to me at Rockville. Mr. Will you have the goodness to change the direction to the Tenlytown District of Columbia. You will thus greatly oblige

Yours truly

R. A. Smith

Mr. H. W. Ripley

Rev. R. A. Smith, Tenleytown,
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Mr. H. W. Ripley
New York

[Cook, John Francis]

First Colored Presbyterian Church
Washington City March 10th 1848.

To Rev: Milton Badger &
Rev Charles Hall Secretaries of the A. H. M. So: New York.

Rev & Dear Bretheren:

This day completes the year of my last commission when it becomes my duty to render my usual Annual "*Statistical Report*" for the year, which I do, by stating,

1. The name of our Church is the "First Cold. Presn. Church" Washington City, which is the address of your Missionary.

2. The number of hopeful conversions this year have been Seven, of whom, we answer —

3 *Five* have been added to the church on profession, and also ——

4. *Two* by letter, thus increasing our number received from first to last to *One hundred* members in all, of which Seven have been received this year, though the ingathering has been small, thanks be unto God, our labor has not been altogether in vain, but to God be all the glory.

5. We have upwards of Two hundred Sab School and Bible Class Scholars registered, but of that number, not more than from *fifty* to *Seventy five* attend regularly, that is, on an average, we have and do sustain our school the year round.

6. The number of volumes in the Library are about Three hundred and fifty, besides a suitable number of Bibles, Testaments, Spelling books &c. also Sabbath School papers of the A.S.S.U. both for teachers and scholars, which proves an interesting auxiliary to the cause; the school generally sustains itself in a pecuniary point of view.

7. The Church are all pledged to the total abstinence principle in their

engagements with the same, hence we are a temperance Church, And I am happy to state that as yet, we have not had a case of discipline on the ground of intemperance.

8. Our Church contributions for benevolent purposes are from the condition of our people necessarily limited, we have however never been backward in doing what we can, we have made up to pay on pastor's salary One hundred & fifty Dollars, We have given to the cause of Home Missions the sum of Five Dollars; to Foreign Missions, Two Dollars; to the Bible Cause One, beside our necessary contingencies in the Church, and other causes of benevolence of a local character, many arising from the peculiar situation of our race.

9. Our little church is completed and paid for, but rather too strait for our popular accommodation; the straitness of the times have prevented us from attempting to enlarge or rebuild. We have none preparing for the ministry as yet.

From the peculiar situation of many of our church people who do not receive the proceeds of their own labor, hence are not able to contribute for the support of the gospel; and those who do, are necessarily limited in their contributions, hence your missionary meets with but a limited support in view of the amount of labor performed, hence we are induced to venture upon your Society for a continuance of your assistance; and hope our appeal will not be in vain.

Fraternally Yours in the Gospel of Christ.
John Francis, Cook.
Pastor & Miss.

I recommend the Revd
J F Cook for reappoint=
=ment, because entitled
to our highest confidence
John C Smith

[Denham, Z.W.]

Washington City December 13, 1845.

Revd Mr Hall.

Sir.

I am directed by the members of the Ladies Home Missionary Society of the 4th Presbyterian Church of this City, to inform you, that the Revd Mr Adair, the Philadelphia Agent, has expressed a desire, that our future remittances be sent through him, we feel willing to gratify him, at the same time do not wish to do so unless the proposed change meets your approbation, will you be kind enough to inform the Society immediately, as to your views on the subject.

Yours

Mrs Z W Denham

Treasurer

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To Rev Milton Badger, &
Rev Charles Hall.
Secretaries of the
American H Miss So:
No 150 Nassau St;
New York,
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Mrs. Z. W. Denham,
Washington, Dec 13. '48
Concerning the payment
of funds to P. H. M. Soc.
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Revd. Charles Hall, D. D.
Secretary of the A. H. M. S
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R. R. Gurley, Wash: D.C. Aug 25/48 — Inquiries.

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[Gurley, R. R.]

Washington 25th
Aug 1848

Revd & Dear Sir,

In your Journal for September, I observe Bolivar in Missouri is mentioned as an important point for a mission and also for a school. Can you do me the favor to give me any more minute & particular information in regard to this place & also whether you desire to appoint, at this time, a missionary for this or other places in the West, & also what are the

[Goodrich, Mrs. Harriet]

Respt Sir Washington Feb 17th 1848

I am directed by the "Ladies" H M Soc of the fourth "Pres ch" to forward fifty dollars, and also to enquire if you can let us know how much we are indebted to your soc.

From various causes we have not kept our accounts quite so regular as we should have done; it is very difficult to collect money, and very often when the regular payment has been due, we have had to go out and collect it before it could be made up.

If you can let us know soon you will greatly oblige us.

We have not heard from our Miss.y since Nov; at which time his wife was very sick, we should like to hear from him.

Hereafter the remittances from our soc will be sent to you by Mrs M A Denham the Treasr of the soc.

Please leave off the name of "Miss Margaret Wannell", and substitute that of "Mrs Clements," if this is not too much trouble,

I remain, yours

very respectfully

Mrs H Goodrich

Sec L H M S

4th Presb ch

To Jasper Corning Treasr

A H M Soc

places besides Bolivar, which you deem most important & promising, & what aid you extend to missionaries.

Have you sent or do you contemplate sending any missionary or missionaries to Oregon or California?

Can you also inform me whether the Bible Society are disposed to employ any agent for their cause in those countries or in any portion of Mexico or South America? I trust you will excuse me for these inquiries, & rest assured that I am ever

with greatest respect
& regard,
Revd & dear Sir,
yours faithfully
R R Gurley

Revd Mr Hall

Mrs. H. Goodrich Washington D.C., Feb 17. 1838
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Jasper Corning Esqr
Treasurer A. H. M. Soc.
150 Nassau St
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[Hubbard, S. D.]

Feb. 18. 1848. Received One Hundred Dollars.
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Feby 18th 1848 Recd from H W Ripley from Hon. S. D. Hubbard Middletown Ct One hundred dollars for Am. S. S. Union
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Received $200.00 from Mr H. W. Ripley for the Hon. S. D. Hubbard – Feby 18 – 1848
$200.00
Joseph Hyde
Asst. Treas. A.B.S.

$500.

Washington Feby 16th 1848

Dr Sir

My request of you is to draw the above sum of five hundred dollars & devote it as follows. To the American Bible Society $200 To the American Tract Society $100 To the Sunday School Union $100 To the Home Mission Society of which I believe you are Treasurer $100

Yours truly
S D Hubbard

To Jasper Corning Esq
Treasr of the Home Missy Society
New York City

Hon S. D. Hubbard
Washington D.C. Feb 16,
1838 $500 —

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[Smith, E.D.]

Patent Office Oct 25. 1848

My dear Sir,

You may think me neglectful of your letter to which I should have replied before but I have been waiting to get a reply to a note I addreſsed to the Secretary of the Senate requesting him to forward the Map of Oregon & Lt. Emory's Report to you franked by himself & let me know when it was done. I supposed that the surest way to have you get a copy - He may poſsibly have sent you a copy & not recollected to inform me. I hope he has. If not please let me know & I will try to purchase a copy if I can find one for sale of which I feel somewhat uncertain - It is possible Mr. Dickins is not in the City and this may be the reason I have not heard from him - I regret the delay but will try to get you a copy somehow

Truly Yours &c
E Goodrich Smith

Rev. Dr. Badger. Secy. A. H. M. Socy.

E. G. Smith, Esq.
Patent Office, Oct. 25. '48
In regard to a Map of
Oregon &c
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[Smith, Rev. R. A.]

Tenlytown D.C. Feb. 29 1848.

Rev. and Dear Sir

Since my last annual report I have been laboring upon my appointed field with constant dilligence and with no material interruption. I preach (as last reported) at Bethesda Sab. mornings and at Sharon in the evenings with weekly meetings occasionally "from house to house". From a review of the past year I have very much to lament and little cause to rejoice. Time has rapidly passed away - but no spring of joyous promise - no smiling summer of pleasant & perfecting maturity and no abundant harvest of religious fruit have cheered & crowned my feeble labors. The past, has been a year of Spiritual sterility. Sometimes we have mourned over these discouraging prospects & results, as one without hope - feeling the oppressing conviction that our little Zion was languishing in desolation. In bitterness, we sometimes cry, 'Oh Lord how long hidest thou thy face from us.' But still we pray and toil, trusting that the seed though long dormant may yet spring up and bear some goodly fruit. Still we supplicate the throne - "O Lord revive thy work" - still we believe he will not always chide - that he will not cast us off forever.

I found this Community (three years ago) in such a lamentable condition of religious inactivity, carelessness and defection from covenant duties - with so little pious devotion and so little apparent consciousness of religious responsibilities and duties, in the church, the family circle & in private relations that we are almost entirely dependant upon a new creation of things - a new generation of Christians, before the church will exhibit the beauty & perfection of holiness. - Whether we have made advancement in practical genuine godliness, I am unable clearly to determine. I think however the standard of Spirituality has not been retrograde. There are still some who mourn for the Spirit's apparent absence & who heartily desire its return in saving power

Attendance upon the ordinances & services of the church is generally constant & I try to preach the truth plainly & pointedly. It gains a respectful attentive audience Sometimes (here & there) may be seen a moistened eye and a seriously interested countenance. But still there is little demonstration of saving effectual application the heart is still unmoved—the *soul impassive*.= I cannot certainly number more than four or five who have been brought into the kingdom of redeeming love since my last report. One of these, a most lovely and interesting young man, aged 21 years, who died last Sab. triumphantly rejoicing in new born faith & love, I have buried today.

On the 13th of last June the Presbytery of the District of Columbia organized a small Church, at Sharon D.C. (near Tenlytown) gathered through my agency, which I trust may be a nucleus for future usefulness—

Through the goodness of a merciful providence we have sustained no loss from our numbers during the year. We have dismissed one by letter; and received *five* on profession & two by certificate to our Communion.

I received, and accepted an unanimous call, and was installed pastor of Bethesda Church Mont. Co. Md. and Sharon Ch. D.C. *Oct 25, 1847*— With Divine assistance I hope to feed these little flocks faithfully with spiritual nourishment.

Our *benevolence* has flowed in no broad channel of generous profusion. Bethesda Church has contributed about fifty dollars to various benevolent objects—which is an advance upon previous donations. The ladies of the same Congregation have generously purchased an elegant sett of "Communion Service". The ladies of Sharon congregation are making a movement to imitate this good example. May they long enjoy the Communion of loving hearts and receive constant tokens of Divine favor as their rich reward *here* *and forever*

My people are not sufficiently conversant with *religious intelligence*—they are *unwisely negligent* in procuring religious books—and I am mortified that I can induce so few to subscribe to a religious "newspaper". But I hope gradually to effect an important change in their appreciation of religious reading. I find that religious ignorance is the prolific source of spiritual apathy & defection—The Bible the best of books is *too little* *studied*

I have encountered opposing obstacles. Sin rears its frightful and malignant hydra head in various ways. Satan with many specious devises, with *false* and jealous brethren have opposed my success. The *Jesuits* of Georgetown College are *endeavoring*, on one part of my field, with indomitable assiduity, to subvert the truth. — I am sorry to feel constrained to acknowledge that I find strange opposition in an unexpected quarter, from those brethren from whom I have ~~the~~ a right as well as a wish to expect better things. The secret workings of the "Class-meetings" are well directed blows from a hidden enemy. I am grieved to know, that the "class meeting" is a secret school of hostile predjudice and exclusive bigotry— only surpassed ~~passed~~ in sectarian influence, by the Romish Confessional in its more concentrated power.

The Methodist brethren, I have always loved and I am deeply pained to be compelled from personal experience to bear my unwilling testimony, against one part of the machinery of their system. This opposition is too palpable for the concealment of charity itself though it cover a multitude of sins. They hate our doctrines (Scriptural though they be) and oppose with malignant efforts, that betray anything but the gentleness of Christian love. The truth is many believe and are taught to believe that Presbyterians are not & cannot be real Christians. Of this I have proof at hand— But I strive to cultivate Christian amity and fraternal intercourse.—

My ~~churches~~ are crippled with pecuniary embarrassments. We hope to relieve the Sharon from debt soon; and to build a new church at Bethesda during the year. There is a proposition before the people to purchase a "parsonage" &c &c — Our two Sabbath schools will be in successful operation soon. We have nearly 300 vols in the S. S. Libraries— The children take 40 copies of the "Youth's Penny Gazette"

I think the patronage of the Society is not injudiciously bestowed here. Gospel truth & the faith once delivered unto the saints should be vigorously maintained here in the midst of errors and false doctrines that so dishonor the Christian name.

With sorrow for the errors of the past and with humble hope for future usefulness and success— I submit the above imperfect report to your kind consideration.

With respectful considerations of gospel esteem, I am,

Yours fraternally

R. A. Smith, Mis.
of the P. H. M. S.

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.

Rev. R. A. Smith
Tenleytown D.C. Feb 29
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[Bigelow, J.]

Washington D. C.
December 26. 1849

To the Secretary of the
American Home Miss.ry Society
Sir

The population of this City is composed of emigrants from every State in the Union, they have already organized churches and built places of Worship for such denominations as prevail in all portions of the country except New-England.— To all these, New England men have contributed liberally, and to some extent have become identified with them, but chiefly with Presbyterians.

No Orthodox Congregational Society like those of the puritan land, exists in Washington.

The undersigned, with a few Associates, love this form of Church Gov.t as that of our forefathers, and for its simplicity, efficiency and as we believe,— Scriptural authority. We believe too, that it is the best calculated to promote personal responsibility and individual effort in a working Church.

With these views we have procured a commodious Meeting house, and have secured temporarily, the ministerial services of the Rev.d J. D. Potter who is a graduate of Williams College, and who has preached to us for three Sabbaths, with entire acceptance.

Our object is not to make proselytes from other churches, but to accomplish a purely Missionary work, in this very flattering field of labor

To furnish to some, a place of worship in a denomination of their choice — To gather others from among the thousands not now connected with other societies, and to organize, as soon as it may be done, an Evangelical Church the members of which shall be persuaded neither to buy or sell one another.

In this last feature we shall differ eſsentially from the existing churches. This may prove unpopular, but our purpose is fixed.

With this outline of our enterprise we present ourselves to your Society for pecuniary aid.

We believe among the important undertakings of the day, this is entitled to favorable consideration and should come up in remembranc for the prayers and support of your Society.

At this moment of our commencement, we have but very few to lean upon for pecuniary aid, & altho' the Amount *actually needed* may exceed the amount usually granted by your society, on account of the greater expenses of living in Washington yet we feel confident that it will not be needed long — that when once aſsisted into existance the "first Congregational church in Washington" will at a very early day, become a liberal contributor to, rather than a recipient ~~from~~ the fund from which we now ask aſsistance.

Will you be pleased to inform us soon, thro' Mr Jacob Bigelow of this city, whether your Society will grant Aid to this enterprise for the ensuing year, and if it will, what is the largest Amount of Aid during the year that it would feel warranted in granting?

This Application will be sent to you thro the Revd. Dr Nelson of Leicester Mass^ts to whom some of the undersigned, as well as the Revd Mr Potter, are well known

We are very respectfully Yours

J. Bigelow

Jeremiah O'Brien

Lauriston Ward

Leicester Mass. Jan 2. 1849

Rev. Dr. Badger

Dear Sir

Mr. Jacob Bigelow named in the above communication is a relation & friend of mine I have great confidence that he & so far as I know, the gentlemen associated with him are actuated by the purest motives & are qualified to carry forward the enterprise in which they are engaged to its successful completion if they can have the aid from the H. M. Society which I have no doubt they need -

Mr. Potter is a young gentleman with whom I have long been acquainted in whose piety & devotion I have confidence & who I think is uncommonly well qualified to ~~labor~~ labor in the city of Washington

Very respectfully yours John Nelson

Jacob. Bigelow and
others. Washington City D.C.
Dec. 26. 1849 – Propose
to gather a Congregational Ch.
Ask aid in support of Rev.
J. D. Potter. ——

Note from Rev. J. [redacted]
D.D. of Leicester, Mass.

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[Eckard, Rev. J. R.]

Washington D. C. March 1st 1849
(written a few days before)

To the Secretaries for Corres-
-pondence of the American
Home Missionary Society }

Rev. & dear brethren

In conformity with the terms of my Commission as one of the Missionaries of the American Home Missionary Society (being in immediate connection with the Philad^a Home Miss^y. Soc^y.) I forward to you a report of the statistics of my church.

1. The name of the church is - the Second Presbyterian church of the city of Washington. It is in the city of Washington, District of Columbia. The same is my post office address.

2. But one case of hopeful conversion has been so develloped during the year as to be received to communion. There are three or four others, who, I think, or hope, *may* be pious and *perhaps* ought to join the ~~communion~~ church but they are not well enough defined to be spoken of as cases of decided piety

3. One has been added by profession.

4. Five have been added by letter.

5. The Sabbath School has fluctuated from twenty five to thirty five - I have instructed a small Bible class of five on Saturdays.

6. There are about 450 - volumes in the Sabbath School library.

7. For reasons which will be specified under the last head I am unable to say how many members of the Temperance Soc. there are in the church or congregation but believe that the members of the church - and most, or all, of the regular congregation may be counted as Temperance men

8. No church has been organized through the year.

9. I paid to Mr Adair on behalf of the ~~Home~~ Church $ 25 for Home Missions and have in my hands $ 21. 21 cts collected for Foreign Missions. $ 10 were put in my hands for the latter object by a lady, at present, worshipping with us - but a member of a distant church -

Whatever is given for the Bible or Tract cause does not pass through my hands, or come under my knowledge. The next head will show the reason of this. I have reason to believe that about $ 20 or $ 25 dollars were given to the Bible Soc. by this church last year

10. We have built no church Edifice and have no young men studying for the ministry.

I came to the 2d church of this city on the 19th of March 1848 and was installed as its pastor on June 1st of same year. It had been for months shut up in the day time, with occasional night services, which, I believe, were attended almost entirely by members of other churches.

A succession of disastrous events and internal dissensions had entirely ruined the Church. Most of the members had formally withdrawn their connection - Others had for months or years gone elsewhere without formally separating themselves from this church. The records were not regularly kept and up to this day I have not been able to procure materials for a list of church members. Occasionally I hear of one or another in full membership with my church whose names or existence I never knew before. Some of these have been reclaimed.

My congregation consists of scattered fragments of this church and members of other churches who worship with us at times, or for a while.

I do not yet know who - or how many - I can regard as my regular flock - nor will some commit themselves until I have been here so long as to give assurance of permanent intentions. Hitherto most of their preachers have staid for a short time and then left. I hope to remain permanently and this will, in due time, enable me to form my charge into a regular shape. Some whose names are on the church list do not recognize the church as their own and, as its past history justifies their being slow to do this, I am unwilling to dissolve even a nominal connection with them - having hopes for the future. So many are in this unformed - but gradually forming - state that I cannot, with ~~any~~ precision, ~~say~~ tell who, belonging to us, are members of Temperance Societies - or what they give to any religious object - except so far as it passes through my own hands. Some who have contributed to the pecuniary means of the Church are connected with other churches and do not regard me as their pastor - though occasionally attending and feeling interest in our succeſs. As yet I cannot draw any line around either my church or congregation which will mark exactly who they are.

My object at first is the collecting a congregation. Prospects seem very encouraging as to this - thus far - and I hope to get on without miſsionary aid after this first year - but it will be some time before I can feel towards certain specified individuals & families that they belong to my charge & that others do not.

I established the monthly concert for miſsions - but for the above reasons was not able to get it into regular existence. Then I substituted for it a series of miſsionary lectures on the evenings of the 1st Sundays of each month. This appears to be working well - A prayer meeting held on Wednesday evenings at my own house is attended by a few. Having been so long without meetings on week day evenings the people of my charge are now with difficulty brought into the measure - but I hope that my efforts will soon be bleſsed to complete succeſs

Commending your labours and my own to the great Head of the Church who alone can build us up I am in the bonds of the gospel & of Christ

Yours truly J. R. Eckard

Rev. J. R. Eckard,
Washington D.C. March 4 '49
Rept.

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[Goodrich, Mrs. H.]

Washington City March 31st 1849

Sir,

I am requested by the Ladies of our soc to inform you that they will (with your permission) continue to send their funds to your soc, as heretofore, as their object is (deffinately) to support A Miſsionary in the West,

They are very willing to follow your suggestions with regard to withdrawing their support from the present one, & giving it toward the support of another,

They however would like to know whether it would affect his salary for the year upon which he has now entered, should they now make a change,

They also wish to know if you can recommend another individual, in whom you have confidence, & where would be the best place to send him,

We should like to have an answer early as we shall have another meeting soon, at which we should like to settle this matter

Very Respectfully
Yours
Mrs H Goodrich
Sec L H M S 4th Presb

Revd Charles Hall
Sec A H M Soc,

Mrs. H. Goodrich,
Washington City, Mar. 31. '49
Relates to funds Con. by L. H.
M Soc [illegible] of the 6th. P. Ch.

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Rev. Charles Hall
Sec'y of the A. H. Miss. Soc.
150 Nassau st
New York

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[Smith, Rev. R.A.]

Tenlytown D.C. Feb. 28, 1849

Rev. & dear Sir;

I am seated to make my annual report as Missionary of the "Phila H. M. Socy" with oppressive feelings & mingled emotions. To write is an irksome task when no lightness of heart gives elasticity to the pen.

I am oppressed with the sad but truthful conviction that I have little of interest to communicate - and my heart is ever sad when I cannot bear "good tidings of good" concerning Zion. In the great paucity of interesting matter I am in "a strait" - It would be congenial to my feelings to soliloquise a doleful tale in retrospect of a year of unfaithfulness and ill-success - which so far as mortal eye discerns amounts: almost, to a failure but this would be an old tale often stereotyped alike useless to you & the blessed cause of Home Missions. -

During the past year no little cloud of mercy has been visible betokening the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It has been emphatically a season of spiritual desolation - of afflictions & losses to my little flocks

My field of labor includes two churches viz. Bethesda church Mont. Co. Md & Sharon Ch. Tenlytown D.C. This latter place is my Post Office address.

I cannot number more than three known cases of conversion, these are in the bloom of youth and we trust are lambs of the Saviors fold

Three only have joined the church upon profession of faith - & two by letter. This number is discouragingly small - yet if the blest above rejoice over one single penitent then surely we may be thankful & joyful too.

We ~~have about~~ 80 Sab. School Scholars at both churches during the summer- but we need efficient. interested & faithful teachers-

= We have about 300 vols. in the S. S. Libraries- These are the publications of that blessed Institution The Am. S.S. Union-

= We have raised about $800 which has been applied to the building of a Parsonage- We purchased last Sept. 31 acres of land & have erected an excellent dwelling house upon it. It is two stories- containing nine (9) good rooms and a passage 31 feet long with a cellar under the same. I trust the whole will be paid for in a few months. This is considered a great & good work. It is a Presbyterian enterprise entirely new in this region. It was indispensable to the permanence of a settled intelligent ministry. The enterprise has cost me much exertion and anxiety But my people gave of their ability generously & cheerfully. I introduced the subject to the congregation on the Sab. It was new to all- Many thought it a ~~[illegible]~~ scheme of a futile imagination- good but impossible- But I saw they were all interested- tenderly moved. It was the moment to act and we did act- In two weeks the subscription list decided the matter. I was authorised to collect the money- purchase the land- buy materials & superintend the building operations. We commenced it - I was on the spot every day- & in three months it was finished Indeed I moved my family into the cozy in six weeks after it was begun. We are now digging a well- I have built an ice house with my own hands & helped to fill it with pure ice We are making other improvements- such as fencing- erecting out buildings & preparing garden lot &c &c- I have been minute upon this subject hoping that other churches will be stimulated to provide a home for their Pastor.—

= Last April I succeed in raising sufficient funds in Philadelphia to pay the entire debt upon the Sharon Church- this was accomplished by personal applications ~~[illegible]~~ Thus the

Lord has been good to us in these temporal things—thus our hearts have been gladdened & encouraged & we are thankful.

I have one interesting & talented young man studying for the ministry he will enter the work next fall—

But we have had afflictions and losses. During the year one sixth of the members of Bethesda church (among the most intelligent & influential) have emigrated to the West. This was a severe loss to the Church & a crushing blow to the Pastor's heart.

But losses seldom come alone— We have had afflictions too. Death has taken two of the most regular & liberal members of my congregation— They were not members of the church—but they were much respected by the community & beloved by the Pastor. They are missed in the Sanctuary—there is a sad vacancy at their homes! One a remarkably honored & intelligent man of 77 years died tranquilly assuring us "his "peace was made with his Maker"— The other often reminded us of the young man whom Jesus loved (& we loved him much) died in the prime of life unexpectedly to us all & to himself!

Another family have been sorely bereaved. The husband & father was called at a moment when he looked not for his Lord. Some years since he made a profession of religion & joined the Church. For a while I am informed he seemed to run well. But temptations assailed him—his seat at the Lord's table—then in the church was vacant— He visited the house of God to take sweet counsel with his saints no more. Alas his conscience was drowned in the sparkling bowl. He forgot his God & forgot his soul. Two years since he was brought to the brink of the tomb. He was alarmed I visited him more than 20 times in succession. I tried to be faithful. He wept, prayed confessed & at last seemed penitent & reconciled. But alas for sick bed repentance! He soon recovered his health & forsook his God—lost his serious impressions—Cared for neither heaven nor hell & suddenly his soul was summoned to meet its injured Judge

= I would not fail to mention that we have made an advance in Church music – Our singing has been very inferior but has much improved & we trust we shall be better qualified to praise the Lord with heartfelt melody and sacred song

On the whole the field is interesting & promising – Here are wide spread desolations – The State of Maryland is more destitute of a settled ministry than any ~~St~~ State in the Union except Louisiana – and it is more by many fold ratio neglected – & receives less Home Missionary aid & sympathy – Why is this? Here is a negro population rapidly degenerating – Their morals uncared for & their immortal souls unsaved are going into a dark untried eternity. From whom shall they receive the gospel – instruction & sympathy. Death & the grave & hell in fiendish triumph answer who will come to their rescue? who will save? But I have not time or space to write what experience & my heart prompt –

= I have said before it has been a year of little Spiritual progress – but our Congregations have been unusually large and attentive to the word preached. – Oh that a Spiritual Spring of gra rich in saving blessings may speedily open upon Zions frigid an gloomy desolations! –

Yours truly R. A. Smith

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.
Sec Am H. M. S.

[Tastet, Joseph]

Washington City D.C.
August 13. 1849

Rev.d Chs. Hall D.D.
& Rev.d Milton Badger D.D.
Secy. Am. Home Mis. Society

Dear Sirs

The Young members of the 4th Pres Church, organized themselves into a Society for Home Mis. purposes February ult. and having met with tolerable success thus far, must in accordance with the purposes of our organization, seek some medium through which our contributions may reach and afford the most benefit to the cause we have at heart. The Executive Com. being charged by the Constitution with the duty have taken counsel with our Pastor, the Rev.d J. C. Smith, who reccommends that we apply to you —

We would be much pleased to learn whether you will shortly send out any young men to the Valley of the Mississippi. The Section of our Country we most desire to aid, and also whether you would receive our small contributions to be applied to the immediate support of such person so far as the amount will go — We know, that by

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Tenleytown, D.C. Feb. 28, '69
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that by requesting this acceptance for particular purpose, we add somewhat to your labours, already sufficiently arduous, but hope that you will do us the credit to believe that we have the good of the cause especially in view, and that we would readily cast the mite into the general fund, did we not believe that more can be effected with our people if we can keep before them some tangible point to which their labour will certainly be applied, and that contributions will be more readily & heartily given to the support of Our Miſsionary, than to the general Cause of Home Miſsions. And besides this natural feeling in favour of the request we make, we hope to open a correspondence with the Miſsionary chosen and learn from time to time how God has ~~had~~ bleſsed him in his labours, and the evidences of encouragement he receive from the people whose good he has in charge. Thus affording our young people renewed stimulus to go ahead and not faint in the good work

We are almost certain to raise 60$ pr. an. perhaps 100$: nor will we rest satisfied then if we find it poſsible to increase our contributions either by regular or special efforts—

With the request that this may be answered so that I may lay the whole subject before Society at its monthly meeting next sabbath I remain Yours in Christian Love

Joseph M. Tastet

[Cook, Rev. John]

First Colored Presbyterian Church.
Washington City D. C. April 1st 1850

To Revds Milton Badger, &
Charles Hall, Secretaries of Cor of the
A H Miss'y Society. New York.

Rev and dear Bretheren:

My commission for the year expired on the 10th ultimo. I therefore in obedience to the requisition thereof, transmitt my Annual Statistical Report, in the form following hoping it will not prove an innovation on your established form, to wit:

Annual Statistical Report of the First Colored Presbyterian Church for the Year ending March 10th 1850.

Name of Church and Address of Miss'y	Number of Hopeful Conversions	Number added to the Church by profession	Number added by letter.	Number of Sab School and Bible Class Scholars	Number of Volumes in Sab School Library.	Number of Temperance Subscribers	Number of Churches Organized.	Contributions for benevolent objects such as	
								Home Miss'y	& For Miss'y.
First Col'd Pres Church Washington City, D. C.	2	1	2	75	350	116	0	$4.00 Rendered in August last.	$4.00

The whole number added to the church from its organization up to the present time, are One hundred and Sixteen, the whole being members of the temperance cause by requirement of the Church Session, and who generally adhere to that obligation. I am happy to state that the word of God is faithfully and regularly published in the Church twice on the Sabbath and once a week, also two prayermeetings regularly kept up during the week, one female, and one general. Our Sabbath School is fluctuating, though we have registered upwords of three hundred, the average attendance is, as put down in my statistical report above. Our Monthly concert is regularly kept up and

Mr. Joseph M. Taslet,
Washington, D.C.
Aug. 13. '49 — Young Members
of the 4th. P. Ch. propose to aid
a Missionary in the Valley of
the Mississippi.

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the miſsionary collections are taken up and divided as stated above. There are many other benevolent operations of a local nature arising in our community, and especially among our people from time to time, which are not stated above, in which our church generally participates to a considerable extent. We are at present actively engaged in raising means to procure, or build a larger place of worship, which is much needed, and have now on deposit $192—. Also upwards of two hundred dollars subscribed; until we accomplish our object we shall continue to claim an interest in the Charities of the H. Miſs'y cause. hoping the day is not far distant when we shall in some way be enabled to sustain ourselves, and return to the treasury of the H Miſs: Cause, some humble part of our indebtedneſs for their Kindneſs. I am happy to state that our church at present is in a state of peace and love, and that there is at this time a good degree of interest manifested, and a few are inquiring what they must do to be saved.

All of which is respectfully submitted with my best wishes for you personally and for the cause in which you are engaged, by Meſsrs & Brethren, Your humble brother in the Cause of Christ—

John F. Cook. Pastor & Miſs'y.

I cordially request a renewed appropriation

John C Smit
Pastor 4 Presby Ch

Rev. John F. Cook –
Washington City D.C. –
April 1. 1850 – Ans. Retd.

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To Revd. Milton Badger & Charles Hall,
Secretaries of Correspondence of the
American Ho. Miss. Society.
No 150 Nassau Street,
New York.
N.Y.

~~Recv. Raising funds to~~
~~procure a larger place~~
~~of worship –~~

[Gurley, Rev. R.R.]

Ans. Feb. 18th

Washington 16th Feby 1850

Gentlemen,

I write at the request of Miss Macknight, a very intelligent & pious Lady, a member of the Revd. Mr Ballatines church in this city, & who is desirous of devoting herself to the work of missions in any region of the country where her efforts might promise to be useful. Miss MacKnight is the daughter of a Clergyman, of about middle age, and in the enjoyment of pretty good health. She has been eminently active as a Christian, and is well adapted, I think, from her education, dispositions, & habits of benevolence to be useful; I believe she has some means & I presume it is her wish to devote all which she has to the cause of her Redeemer. Will you be good enough to consider her application to your Society, and early inform me, whether you would feel at liberty to assign her some field of labor, & afford her as a Missionary some means of support. Her testimonials will be ample & I have the utmost confidence in her intelligence & piety

Very respectfully
Gentlemen
Your friend
R R Gurley

Revd. Messrs Badger & Hall

[Meashaw, James]

House of Reps March 14. 1850.

Rev. M. Badger

Dear Sir

I thank you for the kind invitation to attend & take part in the Meeting of the Am. H. M. Society on the 8th of May. It will give me great pleasure to comply if it is in my power to do so. You know the present posture of affairs here; should it continue, I should not feel warranted in leaving my place. As I can make no promise, I think you had better select some one else to speak on the occasion. If I could have a contingent place in your meeting — not more than 20 minutes long or wide — I will do my best to be with you. In that case I should prefer to have you assign me a theme, because you know what has been & should be said. If left to myself I should be very likely to ramble into the new territories & ask you to send them the Gospel — I shall make a proviso — not Wilmot — that my attendance on your meeting shall not be at the expense of the Society.

Truly yours

J. Meacham.

Rev. R. R. Gurley. Washington City D.C. Feb. 16th 1850.
Recommends Miss Macknight
as a missionary

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Ans. Feb. 18th

[Meacham, James]

Washington May 4th 1850.

Dear Sir

I had prepared myself to meet with you and take part in your Anniversaries, and anticipated much pleasure — But I find things in such a State here that it will not be right for me to leave. There are questions now before the House, and others may come up any day, which demand of every man to be in his place. I must therefore give notice that it will not be possible for me to be with you; and I do so most reluctantly. I feel a deep interest in your Society, & wish to see its operations extended to the New Territories. If you do not send men there, I do not know who will break unto them the bread of life —

Truly yours J. Meacham

Hon. James Meacham
Washington D. C.
March 14 1850
Reply to invitation to address
the Society at its Anniversary

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[Gurley, R.R.]

Confidential

Washington April 2nd 1851

Gentlemen,

I observe in a recent number of your interesting Journal, some letters from Oregon, and remarks expressive of the desire of your Society to increase the number of Christian Ministers in that field.

My thoughts have, of late, been turned in that direction, & I should be pleased to learn what amount of aid you afford to those Missionaries who may place themselves under the direction of your Society, in that remote region.

What I particularly wish to know is, whether you allow more to such as have families, than to single men, and whether you make advances to defray the expenses of a Journey to that region.

Having a wife & five children, dependent upon me for support, I should not deem

Hon. J. Meacham
Washington D.C.
May 4th 1850

Declines attending anniversary on account of business in Congress demanding his attendance there.

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best to take them with me at first, though it would be my purpose to find in that Territory both a home and a grave. My ecclesiastical connexion is with the new School Presbyterian church, though my preferences are for Congregationalism, under which form of Church Govt, I made a religious profession and was first licensed to preach. I have the honor

to be,
Gentlemen
most respectfully your
friend & Brother

R R Gurley

Revd Messrs Badger & Hall
Secretaries of the Home
Missionary Society.

[Johnson, Rev. E. R.]

Washington. May. 26/52.

Dear Friend.

It is with regret that I call on you for a 2d order or draft for my last payment ($37 50/100) due the first of May. You informed me that you had sent it to Ohio, while I was on the journey. and I remarked to you that, I thought it would make no difference, I should be able to get home without it, But now I see that it will be impossible.. And can you not draw ~~[illegible]~~ a *second* *draft* & send it down to me by next mail to Washington City, D.C, & when I go home I will destroy the first. I do not see how I can get along without it.

I had made my arrangements to receive it at your Rooms, but you had sent it to my home in Ohio a few days before. If it is possible to comply with the above I do hope you will,

Yours, E. R. Johnson.

Rev. R. R. Gurley
Washington D.C. April 2/51

Inquires as to appropriation &c. of missionaries going to Oregon. with a view to being sent out.

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Please direct me as follows,

Rev. C. R. Johnson.
Member of Assembly
Washington City,
D. C.

Rev. C. R. Johnson
Washington, D.C.
May 20/92
Wants duplicate draft.

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Done

Rev. John C. Smith
Washington, D.C. Apr. 19/52
Will do for the Soc. what
he can at Genl Assembly.

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[Smith, John C.]

My dear brother

My previous notes contain all that I can say about arrangements. Similar applications to yours have been made to me, and, I have answered as I did in my last note to you — "so far as I the pastor of the church can aid at the time I will cheerfully do it" Your Society will be regarded with as much kindness as any other that may be represented at the meeting of the assembly.

Fraternally
John C Smith
Wash^n 19 April 1852

[Cook, Rev. John]

Washington City March 22nd 1852.

Revd Milton Badger D.D.
Charles Hall D.D.
Secretaries of the
A H Missy Society, New York.

Rev and Dear Brothers:

My Commission for the year thereof ended on the 10th inst, and should have been noticed ere this; but being called off about that time to supply a vacant Church in the City of Phila and administer the ordinances sabbath week past, which has prevented me from being as prompt as I am wont to be. I hope however it is not too late for the making up of your Annual Report. I have nothing much of interest to report in my Charge for the past year ending the 10th inst. Services have been regularly performed during the year — Our Congregations on the Sabbath are generally good — our sabbath school is in a good condition — the monthly concert of Prayer and contributions for Missionary purposes are kept up as usual — but I regret to have to say that there has been but one added during the year. I trust the day is not far distant when the Lord will be pleased to pour out upon us abundantly of His Holy Spirit, and that we may realize an abundant harvest of grace and of souls born into the Kingdom of God.

I am happy to inform you that we have laid the foundation for a new and larger place of worship. (40 x 60) In its progress we shall endeavour not to go too far beyond our

Rev. John C. Smith
Washington. D.C. Apr. 29/52
Relates to a Hom. Miss.
meeting at Gen. Assembly.

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[Smith, John C.]

My dear brother

Our session have arranged for you to hold your meeting on Wednesday evening 26th May, and this will stand unless changed by the action of the assembly which is not at all probable

So far as we are concerned you may depend on it

Cordially
John C Smith
Washn 29 April 1852

receipts, as our plan is after we get it covered in and the basement finished to pay for that, and then pay as we go, as near as poſsible so as not to embarraſs ourselves too much being a "feeble folk". As we are building we shall therefore be under the necessity of asking a continuance of your aid. My application has been forwarded to the Phila Ho Miſs Society in due form. My Statistics are as last year with the addition of one. I shall continue to sow in hope and ask the Lord to give the increase. With my best wishes for yourselves respectfully and the cause in which we are mutually engaged. I take the liberty of subscribing myself with sentiments of Christian regard and consideration

Yours Fraternally &c
John F. Cook

Pastor & Miſsy of First
Col: Pres: Ch: Washington.
D. C

[Kent, Rev. A.]AHMS]

Washington June 1 1852

Rev M. Badger D.D.,

Dear Sir ~~I herewith tender my resignation as agent of your Society, not because I am tired of your service but because I have been led to apprehend from remarks in the General Assembly concerning Agents that possibly my services may have become unacceptable.~~

~~But while I do this, I shall retain the~~ I take the liberty to express in the utmost tenderness of feeling and as I wished to do in Gen Assembly my own views of a local agency, the importance of which, my observation for 30 years past have given me an opportunity to appreciate such as many who spoke in that venerable body do not possess.

The objections to Agents as I understood from the debate were summarily comprehended in two words which are italicised in the report. Their "official sanction" is required to every application and this is regarded as giving them undue control, whereas I have regarded it only as the opinion of another individual in addition to what they had before. The Ex. Com. must still have discretionary power, or become irresponsible agents in disbursing the charities of the Church.

To me it appears plain that the application should pass through the hands of the Agent because the Ex. Committee need all the information that can be furnished, in order to intelligent action

Rev. John F. Cook
Washington City, D.C.
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Revds Messrs Badger & Hall, D.Ds
Secretaries of the A. Ho. Miss. So.
New York

~~States last year~~

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~~meeting house~~

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They are men of business, their time is precious and their labours are gratuitous (excepting the Secretaries) They have probably about — meetings a year and at their — meetings they are obliged to "vote and determine" on applications for aid which will average — at each meeting. And who does not see that to warrant the promptness with which they must decide on the merits of each application they need a concentration of all the light which can be thrown upon the petition

Who does not see that an Agent who has been selected with great caution and who has made it his business for years to acquaint himself with the whole field of his supervision will in some cases be able to communicate facts which the Brethren in the vicinity busied with the care of their own churches have failed to obtain. Instances have occurred where the Com. of Presbytery or Association have shown an entire ignorance of the merits of the application they were ~~called~~ requested to endorse

And who does not see that to communicate information adverse to the applicants is a very unenviable part of an agents work especially when it is considered that an unworthy applicant may take occasion from his disappointment to create a prejudice against the Agent in the minds of his co-presbyters And I question whether an Angel could discharge the self-denying duties of such an office for any considerable time without being suspected of partiality. There is no proposition in Euclid susceptible of ~~a more~~ ample support than this, that the Ex. Com. must have information additional to that furnished by Committees of

Presbytery and Association or there will occasionally come up an outcry against the waste of the Society's funds and the only question that remains, is, Shall they seek this information from one with whom they are acquainted and whose position ought to make him impartial or by correspondence with strangers who are extremely liable to be swayed by some local bias. Shall they take measures to have this side-light thrown in at once and thus come along with the application or shall they depend on a protracted correspondence which will keep the straitened Missionary in an agony of suspense And compell him to labour on for 3 months at uncertainties whether he shall receive any thing for his labours in support of a dependant family.

Ministers in the vicinity and members of the church where the man is labouring are liable to be swayed by sympathy to do that which their better judgment would condemn in the case of a stranger. We will suppose the man is very poor or very improvident or Perhaps his family are extravagant or he has not the means to educate them or he is inefficient or unacceptable to a majority And under these circumstances an application is made out and endorsed and forwarded in due form because no one has a heart to say what is well understood by all, that it were better that he should seek another field. Here then the Ex. Com. at New York must have other information or the funds will be misapplied And the little church thrown back rather than helped forward by this unacceptable labourer.

¶ We will suppose another case. A Presbytery or Association composed

Rev. John C. Smith, Washington, D.C. Aug. 1. 1853.

applies for a Commission for Rev. Matthew Smith to go to California.

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of 5 or 6 members of whom one has become incapable but he manages to get a vote to employ him another year while the majority would prefer a change. Another labours 6 days out of 7 on his farm and another merits censure but there is not vigour enough to administer discipline, there a committee of 3 would include some who are implicated, and they would be very likely to sympathise with old customs and others

Again those restricted to one small district cannot estimate the comparative claims of different fields and judge of the adaptedness of a missionary to one field rather than another so well as one who has more extensive observation.

In thus arguing the necessity of a local agency It will be readily admitted that they may abuse their power and it is very probable that in some instances it may have been abused but then the Presbytery have a remedy, which is to communicate the facts to the Ex. Com. directly and such is the composition of that body as to give them assurance of a speedy redress of grievances.

Rev. A. Kent
Washington, Ill. Feb/52
Views of Local Agencies

Hon. John C. Smith, Washington, D.C. Aug 1/53.

Can the Sec. commission Rev. Matthew Smith to go to Cal^{a}?

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[Smith, Rev. John C.]

My dear brother

A relative of mine Rev. d. Matthews Smyth & pastor of a Presbyn Church in Milton, Penn. and who has been from Ireland about two years, has a desire to preach the gospel in our frontier and destitute settlements on the Pacific Coast or far out on the borders of civilization, where the gospel has been but scarcely if ever preached.

You may have confidence in him as a man of God — highly educated professing

[Smith, Rev. John]

My dear Brother

I received your esteemed
favor of 4 inst and have delayed until
the present an answer that I might
be full and definite in the information
you ask in relation to my Kinsman
Revd Matthew Smyth of Milton Pa?

He is now with me, and I am
prepared to say that he is worthy of
your confidence and appointment. On
his return he will send you the testimony
of his neighbouring ministerial brethren.

He is not married, but has with him
and will take with him a single sister. He
is 31 years old, was licensed in Ireland
in 1849 has been two years ~~ago~~ in this
Country ~~&~~ pastor now of the Reformed
Presbyterian Church in Milton. He
will as soon as his presbytery can
meet have his relation dissolved and
join the presbytery now ~~seems~~ most convenient to
his field of labor. He intends to withdraw
entirely from the Covenanter Church

qualities that admirably fit him for thy life.

Thy answer tell me if you can commission him. If so, I will furnish him all the needful instructions.

He will be with me in a week or so and, if you can make any arrangement I will send him to thee. [illegible] hope any thing definite to me.

Fraternally
Wm Smith
Washington City
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Smith, Washington,

Concerning Rev.
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because of their instruction in church
psalmody and other things not adapted
to our American population. He is an
Irishman by birth, but is wholly American
and scarcely any of the Irish accent or
manner. He has "dispositions" not
quite up to "the Yankees" but as available
I speak from my personal knowledge
He has travelled over large parts of the
West and has returned about six
weeks since from Iowa. He prefers
to commence operations there and
says from actual observation made
on the ground that there are points of
interest where he thinks self sustaining
congregations can be gathered very soon.
He has large enterprize and powers strength in health not
of endurance. He has firm health, not
by any means a man of much flesh
I take pleasure in saying every thing
in his favor. He is determined to spend
his life in the West and will be willing to
go any where you may say. He likes
Iowa, but will go to any free state
position

as he does not sympathize with slavery.

Let me hear *at once* from you as he is here & will remain for a few days. The season is at hand and he is *anxious* to get upon his new field.

Write me *fully* & send me all the information. I only add that "his success" in the ministry has been equal to his brethren around him, his regular audience having increased from 25 to over 200. Fraternally

John B Smith

Mobile 15 Aug 1853

My father before my birth dropped the "y" and wrote his name with "i" but my name ought to be "Smyth"

Rev. John C. Smith
Washington D.C. Aug
15, 1853 Recommends
Rev. Matthew Smith

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[Cook, John B.]

Washington City March 10th 1854.

Revd Messrs Badger & Coe
Secretaries of the A H M S.
New York.

Revd Dear Brethren:

The above date closes the year of my present commission when I am required to render a statistical report for the year. I regret that indisposition has prevented me from rendering it earlier. I regret still more that I have not a more favorable account to render; "but such as I have give I unto you."

1 Our church is now distinguished by the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church Washington City D.C. which is also the address of your missionary – 2 At which station I have preached regularly during the year, twice on Sabbath, once during the week day evening and on other occasions, besides superintending the Sabbath school and prayer meetings of the week, when health permit.

3 The number of Church members received from first to last has been 130 of whom 40 are males, and 90 are females.

4 The average attendance of *members* on public worship are about 60, besides a congregation in all on the Sabbath

of about 100 and still increasing, especially since we have occupied our new house of worship in which we entered January 1st 1854.

5 Though many seem to be impressed and concerned there has been no decided case of conversion this year as to my knowledge save one or two in the decline of life and who did not live to unite with the Church on earth, Hence

6, We have had no additions to our church this year.

7 And there has been none added by letter.

8 The number of Sab School & Bible Class Scholars are 65

9 We have organized no churches during the year.

10 Though we have contributed to benevolent objects of a local character. And to the Home Mission about $3.00 only Our contributions have been confined chiefly to our own Church erection. It was completed on the 1st of January last a neat brick building. 40 by 60 with basement and upper room & complete at a cost of about $5000.00 as we have paid about 3/5 of the debt and got possession we have the balance of $2000.00 to raise as soon as possible hence our contributions for other benevolent enterprises must necessarily be limited until our own debt is paid off, in the mean time we also ask a continuance of your assistance and aid, All of which is most respectfully submitted by

Your Bro & Missionary

John G Cook

Recommended
by
Wm C Smith
Pastor 4 Presby Ch

[DUNCANSON]

Washington D. C.
February 20 1854

To the Executive Committee
of the Am. Home Missy Society

The first Congl. Society in this City is now being gathered notwithstanding its pecuniary embarrassments. A central and delightful church Edifice has been purchased, but the purchase has exhausted the resources of its small Congregation. Attendance on public worship has been about Sixty to one hundred

A Church has been organized consisting of of about 12 Members, At its first Communion about thirty Communicants were present

There are many Congregationalists in the City, but no other Church of that denomination Nor is there any church besides this in the City in which the buying & selling of one another is not tolerated

The Capacity of all the Churches in Washington is believed not to be sufficient to hold the half of its population

Preaching was suspended during the summer in the Congregational Church chiefly from its pecuniary inability

Public Worship was resumed at the begining of the year under the Care of

John F. Cook
Washington City D.C.
March 10/54
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the Revd Alexander Duncanson from Scotland, a Gentleman of commanding talents and eminent piety. He has been unanimously called to the pastoral office over us & having accepted the Call, his installation is appointed for 9th of April next. He is now preaching to us with great acceptance

The Society wish to pay to Mr Duncanson a Salary of Fifteen hundred dollars per annum but having exhausted its resources in part payment for its house of worship is unable to raise more than half that sum

In asking aid from your Society, the Undersigned do not hesitate to say that they believe this to be a case which should come with peculiar favor before your board for a larger appropriation than common to place this important enterprise once fairly upon its feet After which it may soon be expected to return the amount many times over

The Undersigned herewith submit evidence of Mr Duncanson's title to your favorable consideration

Respectfully

E L Stevens
Wm P. McConnell
H. E. Rockwell

Trustees

The 1st Cong. Ch. of Washington,
D. C. Feb. 20/54
apply for $. aid
in support of Rev. Alexander Duncanson, 12 mo. from Jan. 1. 1854.

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[Office, of Interior]

Department of the Interior,
OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,

August 15 1854.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit to your address, the 4th *volume of the work entitled "Information respecting the History, Condition, and Prospects of the Indian tribes of the United States, collected and prepared under the direction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs," &c.*

You will oblige this office by acknowledging its receipt,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Geo W Manypenny

Commissioner

Commissioner Indian
Affairs. Washington
Aug 15. 1859 with a book

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Rev. J. C. Smith, Washington, D.C. June 20/55 904

Can Rev. M. Smith receive his quarter's salary.

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[Smith, Rev. J. C.]

My dear Sir

Revd Matthew Smyth one of your Missionaries in Iowa and a near relative of mine has been called to the East on a visit to sisters recently arrived from Ireland. I have urged him to remain a few weeks in this City to aid me and Revd Mr Carothers in our feeble state of health. This he is disposed to do, but expects to return to his field in Iowa where he left his sister.

His commission will expire the last of this year and his quarters salary will be due at the end of this month

As he continued his labors in Iowa up to the 7th inst. and as he has labored faithfully on his field, I presume there will be no difficulty with you in sending him his quarterly salary which he very much needs. He is my guest.

My cousin expects to return about 15th July taking with him another sister now in Penn^a. Should any thing however occur to prevent his return his salary will cease with the close of this month

I have written this note because it is a great accommodation to me in my state of health to have the presence and aid of Mr Smyth.

His quarters salary can be sent to him in my care

I expect to leave home on Monday next and your answer will be a comfort to me before I start

Fraternally
John C Smith

Washington 20 June 1855

Revd D B Coe
Sec A H M S
New York

[Hall, Daniel W]

(For the Jacket)

Washington D.C. Feby 25th 1857

Christopher R Robert Esqr.

My dear Sir,

Last year my friend Jasper Corning Esqr. paid to the Home Missionary So. One Hundred Dollars, a donation from me – Desirous of aiding that So. & deeming it imprudent, at present, to place my limited means beyond my control, I propose to loan the So. from two to three thousand Dollars, at 6 pr ct interest, payable semi-annually, during my natural life, on condition, the Trustees, or Treasurer, give me a good, & sufficient bond, to secure the same, & at my decease, the principal shall become the property of the So. – When property is left by will, the Legatee is often defrauded, & the views, & wishes of the Testator are not complied with – For the above reason I wish to become my own Executor as far as practicable – I have made an arrangement, similar with what I now propose to you, with the A. B. of C of F. Missions, located in Boston, & have their bond for the fulfillment of their engagement – I can place in your hands one thousand Dollars by the first of May, & the residue on, or before, the first of June next. I am in my 72nd year of age, so that from present indications, you will not be required to pay interest long – Any information desired in relation to me, may be obtained from Mr Corning –

Yr Obt Servt

Daniel W. Hall

[Moore, J. H.]

J. H. Moore Washington,
D.C. Dec. 22/56
Can the Soc. furnish a
Minister for a City Missionary.

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Washington D.C. Dec 22nd 56

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindneſs to inform me, if the Am. Home Miſs. Society can furnish a Minister, or Licenciate, to labor here as City Miſsionary? and, if so, at what annual compensation?

Yours in Christian Bonds.
J. Hall Moore

Rev. M. Badger D.D.
Cor. Secy. Am. Home Miſs. Soc.

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Daniel W. Hall Washington
D.C. Feb. 25/57 3834

Proposes to loan the Society
Two or Three thousand Dollars
at 6 pr. cent interest payable
semi-annually. The
Principal to accrue to the
Society at his decease.

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[Hall, Daniel W.]

Washington D.C. April 8th 1857

Rev. M. Badger D.D.

My dear Sir,

Your esteemed favour of the first instant is before me - It is unfortunate for the A H M So. that my letter addressed to the treasurer, Mr Roberts, early in Feby remained unanswered until April. I have always felt deeply interested in the success of that So. & desired to contribute something for the support of so noble an institution - After waiting week, after week without any response, my only inference was that your Directors, or Committee, did not deem my letter *worthy their attention*, & within *10 days* I have made a proposition in another direction -

Had I been notified, that time was required to consider my proposition, I should have *waited*, but now it is too late - I shall occasionally, if able make small donations to the So -

In great haste I Remain your
friend & Servt

Daniel W. Hall

Daniel W. Hall,
Washington D.C. Apl. 5/67
Withdraws his proposition
respecting a loan.

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List of Names –

Daniel M. Hall.	Life Director	Washington City D. C.		100.00
Mrs. Sarah Ann Hall	Life Member	do –		
Mrs. Clarissa Hall	" "	" "		
David A Hall Esq –	" "	" "	30 Dolls –	150.00
Mrs. Abby E. Hall	" "	" "		
Miss Ellen E. Hall	" "	" "		
Mr. John Hall	———	Springfield Vt.		30-00
Mr. Edmund Hall	" "	" "	——	30-00
				310,00

[Hall, Daniel W.]

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Washington D.C. April 18th 1857

Rev. M. Badger,

My dear Sir,

Your valued favour of 6th was duly received, & the explanation satisfactory — I did not retain a copy of my letter to Mr Robert, but was under the impression it was written at an earlier date — Having made a proposition, in another direction, (as stated in my last) I cannot with propriety retract — I shall not, however, abandon the noble institution with which you are connected, but afford occasional aid, in a small way — I have several *relatives*, some of whom have the *heart*, but not the *means* to contribute; others have the *ability*, but do not realize the importance of the object — Wishing to enlist my friends in so good a cause, (if possible) I enclose a list of names of persons I desire to make life members — I do *not* wish it stated by whom these persons are made members — Certificates of 6 persons residing in Washington, Mr Robert, will please send to me — the other two, for Mr John & Edward Hall, he will please to forward to Mr John Hall, who resides in Springfield Vermont — I enclose a check for 310 dollars in favour of Mr Christopher R. Robert — I should have written Mr R. & not troubled you, but your last communication seemed to require a reply —

Your Obt. Servt.

Daniel W. Hall

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[Hall, Daniel W.]

Washington April 23th 1857

My dear Sir,

Your highly esteemed favour of 21st is here. & I am happy to know that my effort to do good is properly appreciated. Your *prayers* in my behalf are worth *far more*, than any amount of money I could contribute. I *need* the prayers of yourself, & Associates, & hope you will always remember me — As the individuals I desire to make life members are all *relatives*, I have no objection to *their* knowing who has done it, but do *not* wish my *name* to appear in the monthly report — I hope the Society will not become sectarian & curtail its usefulness.

Some measures, recently adopted by the Committee, are very *unpopular* in this region, & I fear will deprive the So, of a very considerable amount of funds from this quarter of the Country — If the small contributions, I am able to make, are instrumental in *converting* *souls* to Christ, I care not to what denomination they belong —

May the Lord bless & prosper you in all that is proper in haste

Yr. friend

D W Hall

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Washington D.C. Apr 18/57
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[Hall, D. W.]

Washington May 18th 1857

Rev M Badger D.D.

My dear Sir,

As it is one month this day since I forwarded a check, which you acknowledged under date of 21st ditto I conclude the treasurer has forgotten to forward the certificates as I requested, they not having come to hand - ~~By~~ Being life members, (I notice) entitled to the Home Missionary - Please when the certificates of life-membership are sent to forward a H. M. to Mrs Clarissa Hall, & one Miss Ellen E. Hall, who reside in this place. Also please send to Edward & John Hall a H. M. to each who reside in Springfield Vt. I am sorry to trouble you again, still I am desirous of having the individuals made life Members know the fact, in order to interest them. Respectfully Yr

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Daniel W. Hall

D.W. Hall Washington
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[Hall, Daniel W.]

Washington Nov 24th 1857

Rev M. Badger D.D.

My dear Sir,

I am favoured with your esteemed letter of 23rd & regret having troubled you the mistake originated with the book keeper of the Bible So:- Mr Hastings informed me his certificate of life membership had never reached him - While I was in N.Y. I called on Sect. Brigham, & on a cursory examination he must have over-looked Mr Hastings name - I sent 200 dollars to the A. B. So. about the time I sent to you, to constitute myself a life Director, & 5 friends life members of the A. B. So - From the name of Hastings not being found, where I supposed it was, I was led to believe I had made him a mem- of the H. M. S. May I trouble you to ask Sect. Brigham to forward to Mr ~~Stewart~~ Stewart Hastings of Leavenworth City, in the Territory of Kansas the certificate, & monthly report of the B. So - And will you please forward him the Home Missionary & I will pay for it when I visit N.Y. or I will make him a life member, at a future day, if I have spare funds - I hope the institutions with which you are connected may continue to do good, but I fear - Time will decide - I am truly yr friend & servt

in great haste D W Hall

Dr. W. Hall, Washington
D.C. Nov. 24/57
Respecting Stewart Hastings
being a L.M.

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H.M. —

[Sunderland, Rev. B.]

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Washington Nov. 18th 1857

To Rev. David B. Coe
& the Office of the Am. H. M. Soc.

Dear Brethren — I write to ask if you cannot appropriate 250 dollars for the support of Rev. T. N. Haskell Pastor of the western church in this city during the current year — and whether you will not do it immediately that he may immediately profit thereby. We hope the church after the present year will be altogether self-supporting, but aside from the financial troubles which have fallen in an overwhelming storm on every body we are as you no doubt understand in the midst of ecclesiastical revolutions and distractions — Mr. Haskell with some of the rest of us has taken his stand against the Southern Secession and it is exceedingly important that he should not be compelled to abandon the present field of his labor for the want of funds necessary to at least a comfortable support - His salary which is nominally hardly sufficient even if it were all promptly paid, owing to the money pressure and the other reasons intimated above may not all be collected for the current year - and there are some probably who have heretofore given to that object now that it is pretty evident that the Pastors of the District Presbytery are not going to the Knoxville Synod and most of all Mr. Haskell himself who is regarded by some of the Southern brethren as having taken the strongest northern ground in his late speech in the Synodical meeting here, that will hereafter withhold their support from him - Can you not then help him during this trying time. He is disposed to hold on as long as it is possible and not to give up the ground already occupied if it can be prevented -

Writing you in confidence in this behalf I may say that some very hard speeches have been made by brethren in Virginia especially in regard to this brother - and I have no hesitation in mentioning the name of one of them Rev. J. D. Mitchell of Lynchburg Va, who

I am informed while here in attendance on the sessions of Synod made no secret of the views and plans entertained by the brethren of the South in regard to Mr. Haskell and his Church Saying in words to this effect that "it was evident that Mr. H- was an abolitionist and that the question was settled already in regard to him that he must leave his church and some other southern man must be put in his place" and also making inquiry as to "where the man could be found who would be suitable to succeed him?" &c. &c.-

Now in this state of things there are some who are not disposed to see a young man as worthy as our Bro. H- crushed out and driven off by this species of ecclesiastical fillibustering- and we are determined if possible to see that Bro. H. has a support and that in these times of commotion and confusion he shall not be compelled to recede from his position by the prospect of starvation alone-

And while I say this I would not convey the idea that there is in Bro. H- Church any real movement looking to such an end – They are all in doubt – we all feel that we are somewhat afloat by the recent events which have transpired – and the danger is chiefly from outside influences brought to bear on our churches while in this unsettled state to induce them to disown their Pastors – If we could only be left in peace for two or three years to come we should be all right again in my opinion – However I did not intend to enter into the question in this letter any farther than seemed necessary for the purpose now in view which is to obtain if possible an immediate appropriation for Bro. H. from your Society to the amount named above – or if not that then whatever sum can be spared for this object –

May I not hear from you soon in reference to this matter – Meanwhile I am yours truly – &c –

B. Sunderland

Rev. B. Sunderland
Washington, D.C. Nov. 18/65
Can the Soc. aid Rev.
T. N. Haskell

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AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PAPERS

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INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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[Hall, Daniel W.]

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Written to
Mr. Lord
Certificate Sent

Washington D.C. Feby 10th 1858

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.

My dear Sir,

My business friend, Samuel Lord Esqr. an aged, & highly respected Merchant, in Charleston, South Carolina has sent me a small remittance of 30 dollars — for the H. M. Society it is short of funds, I do not know ~~that~~ I can appropriate it to a better use, than to make Mr Lord a life member. You will please inform that Gentleman, what I have done, & when you forward a certificate of membership, please also to send him the Home Missionary for this & the ~~last~~ 2 months past & call his special attention to them. I have perused those numbers with great satisfaction, & rejoice, that the labours of the Missionaries have been crowned with so great success — I enclose the draft made payable to your order — I shall ever regret the unfortunate resolutions, in regard to slavery — Depend upon it, those resolutions are highly detrimental to the prosperity of the of the So— If my prejudices were as strong, as those of some men, I should never send another dollar to the So— Christ commanded his followers to "preach this Gospel" to "all People" & how can you refuse to obey this command! by sending Missionaries only to white men! I Remain your

Obt Servt

Daniel W. Hall

Daniel W. Hall
Washington City D.C.
Feb 10. 1858 $30–

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Certificate sent–

[HALL, , Daniel]

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Washington D.C. April 29th 1859.

Rev Doct. Badger,

My dear Sir,

I enclose 60 dollars to constitute Miss Fanny W. & Mrs. Mary Hall, life members of the H. M. So. - these ladies are not aware of my doing this - they are pious, devoted Christians, natives of N. England - Many years ago they removed to this place, with those strong prejudices, which influence a portion of the Northern People, who are entirely ignorant of Southern habits, & Institutions - their views have changed - they now do nothing for the H. M. So. & have reasons, which I need not state - I deeply deplore the course pursued by the Managers of your So. because, it prevents a large amount of funds being appropriated, to aid in the noble work in which you are engaged - Tens of thousands of dollars are lost, which would have been retained, if the So. had adhered to its original creed - I am no friend to slavery, & take no interest in politics, except uniform attendance at the polls, to deposit my ticket, & then retire. It is my humble impression, that these subjects should never come in contact with religious institutions of any name, or character - The business of the Minister, & Missionary, is to proclaim the simple truths of the gospel, as commanded by the Saviour, & nothing else - When this is faithfully performed, a blessing always follows -

The report of some of the Missionaries is full of thrilling interest, & their sufferings, & privations, should call forth the sympathy, & elicit offerings from all Christian hearts - Even most pious, wealthy, benevolent men, who are at the head of almost every religious enterprize, refuse aid to your Institution - I abhor, some of the regulations, but will not allow my feelings to control my reason, & utterly refuse all aid, to the poor Missionaries, who are striving, at the peril of their lives, to save souls - The Gospel should be made free, as the air, & not prohibited from any complexion, or condition of people - The So. is the almoner of a public bounty, & the final Day will decide, whether that bounty has been appropriately distributed amongst all those, who should have been its proper recipients - I have a heart to do more, but my means are limited, & I must be satisfied, that my small contributions are so disposed of, as to promote the greatest possible amount of good - Souls are perishing all around us, & there should be one, universal, harmonious prayer, from every Christian heart, for for the conversion every sinner - As I am in my 74 years of age, it is in my power to narrate some facts, in relation to the history of my own life, but I will not intrude on your valuable time - I know you will excuse what I have written - My health is quite feeble, so that I shall not probably trouble you many times more -

You will please to send the H, Missionary to each of the Ladies in this City, with their certificate of life membership & all, to the care, of William F. Hall Esqr, with whom they reside— I hope you are enjoying rich spiritual blessings, & are the instrument, of directing multitudes, of wandering pilgrims on the high way to heaven— May the Lord bless & preserve you is the prayer

of your Obt, Servt,

Daniel W. Hall

Life Members
Miss Fanny W. Hall
Mrs Mary L. Hall

(Will write a note with certifs)

[Bearman, Rev. A.G.]

Washington D.C.
July 7th 1862

Revd Mr. Coe

My Dr. Sir: It was my intention to have written you before this: but I have not heard from my wife in relation to my going so far without her: and I do not want to make a formal Request to the Committee until I have — I shall write or see you soon. I have not yet made up the money attendant upon my coming here although I am very glad I am here — for a little time.

Yours Respectfully
A. G. Beaman

Daniel W. Hall Washington
D.C. Apl. 29/59 $160.

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Recd. May 2/59

Rev. A. G. Beaman -
Washington, D. C. July 7/62
Respecting his going to
Kansas.

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[Millerd, A. D.]

A. D. Millerd, Washington, D. C. Jan. 21/62.
Requests covers of H.M.
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Mr. Milton Badger
Dear Sir.

I wish to see the covers of the Jany. number of the Home Missionary. I would send for the whole number but pamphlets are not so likely to come safe as letters. & therefore plese tear off the covers & enclose in a common letter envelope & send to me. I dont know as you are the right one to send to but as I have the address of no other one connected with the A, H, M, S, I hope you will oblige me by sending Enclosed are .25 cts. to pay for it. Please send immediatly to

A. D. Millerd
Washington DC 19th Reg. N.Y.S.V.
C. G. Gen Banks Division

Ans.

[Butler, Rev. G.]

Wash. D.C.
Sept. 2nd 1863.

Sir—

I hold subject to your order, One Thousand dollars, a donation to Am. Home Miss. Society, from the late excellent Daniel W. Hall of this City.

This, together with other funds, was left subject to the use of his surviving widow, during her natural life, but Mrs H. very nobly relinquishes her claim, & prefers that the money go *at once*, preaching to the destitute.

Shall I forward a draft by mail, & to whose order?

I need hardly add that my now sainted friend was a fast friend of the Am. H. M. Society, as he was of

E. G. Smith, Washington Ct.
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legacy of Rev. D. Smith D.D.
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[Smith, E. G.]

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Washington Aug. 19. 1862

Dr B. will write

Rev. Dr Badger
Secy. of Am. Home Mis'y Socy.
Dear Sir.

My beloved father Rev. David Smith D.D. of Durham Conn. who died March 5. 1862. in his will made Sept. last gave $10. to the A.H.M.S. — His means were but little and it is only a mite but it was given by one who after many years (ever since your Socy was established it) has shown his warm attachment to the Am. Home Socy. & even in his 94th year still cherished it in his heart, and so God may bless it. I could wish it might have been a hundred fold — I have been obliged to pay funeral expenses & some small bills and not till now could I remit to you the bequest — Please receive it with his and my own prayers that every good work — He lived not unto himself but to Him that died for him & arose again —

I am very truly
Yours &c,
J. Geo. Butler,
Past. St. Paul's
Lutheran Church,

To
Finance Secretary
Am. H. M. Soc.

Rev. J. Geo. Butler, Washington
D.C. Sept. 2/63 1271
Is ready to pay $1.000, legacy
of Daniel W. Hall.

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great success may attend your efforts to send the Gospel among the destitute of our land.

I will thank you suitably to receipt to me as the Executor of my fathers will – I have written you as an old acquaintance and not knowing how better to carry out my father's wishes –

Address me Washington D.C.

Very truly Yours &c
E Goodrich Smith

P.S. A sermon was preached at my father's funeral which with some pages of memorial by myself was published. If you did receive a copy at New Haven (at Commencement) where copies were distributed to the ministers & friends of my father I will send you one from here –
E.G.S.

[Burbank, J. E.]

Ans

Washington Jan. 13th 1863.

Dear Sir;

Through the Kindness of Mr. Leavitt I am referred to you, in reference to evangelical help for Nebraska.

The part in which I reside is very needy in this respect. Our County, Richardson, the fifth County in the Territory has not a single meeting house in it.

Many inducements are offered settlers under the Homestead Bill. Nearly 1/3 of the public lands of the County are vacant, whilst improvements are Cheap. I own a number of lots in Falls City, County seat of Richardson, the proprietors have reserved for churches.

I am willing to donate liberally in property to those who will help us. I do not Know how you work, but if deemed advisable, ~~if~~ should you send out a resident minister, the nucleus of a large congregation could be immediatly established and ~~much~~ some assistance be obtained.

If together with this, you should feel like buying an addition to the town for church purposes, or lay the foundation of a college, I would be glad to co-operate in that. One thousand acres of valuable lands Can clear be purchased at the present price of Warrants for 500.00, and ten acres of land Can be bought adjoining the town for 100 to 125$; in case ~~on~~ your

Washington Jan 9/1863,

Will Editor put me in Communication with some active officer of "Home Missionary Society" in the hope that some steps may be taken to help us in Nebraska, and to direct the attention of emigrants seeking homes under the Homestead Bill to that Territory,

Truly &c

J Edw. Burbank

Box 604 Washington DC,

would take hold in any way to help us, we will give you all the aſsistance poſsible,

Truly &c

J Edw Burbank

P.O. Box 604 Washington

Rev. Willm Badger
Astor Place
N.Y.

J. E. Burbank, Washington, D.C. Jan. 13/63.

Inquiries respecting help for Nebraska.

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Ans'd.

[Murray, J. A.]

Washington D.C. Jan. 16. 1864–

Dear Bro. Coe.

Inclosed find $20 which please put to my credit. It is the first money that I have been able to save from my monthly wages, and it gives me pleasure to send it to you on my account with the A.H.M.S– If my life and health are spared I hope occasionally in this way to send you something– Since I left the city in June last I have been here, a temporary Clerk in the State Department– with a salary of $4 per day for work from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. It is very expensive living here– and I have barely been able to pay for my own board here– and to furnish my family a very plain living– In the month of November I worked extra hours each day, & thus gained to the department some 6 or 7 days of 7 hours each– In making out my bill for the month of November viz 25 working days at $4 per day, I remarked, that this did not show a full exhibit of my work, that by working extra hours each day I had gained during the month so many days– & that while I made no claim, I could not feel very sorry if allowed for this extra work– My bill of $100– less internal revenue tax was only paid– & I felt that I had poor encouragement to work extra hours as I had done.

In the evening I happened to meet the Chief Clerk– I told him I had been working extra hours, and asked him what the prospect was of receiving compensation. He said there was no prospect. That the wages of the clerks were all fixed by law, & clerks working by the day could only receive $4 per day— He saw I felt disappointed, & made a few enquiries about my family &c— I told him I could not live and support my family on my present salary— everything was so very high— He said he thought I would do better to work by the folio— He said the Department was authorized to pay their temporary clerks $4 per day— or 10 cts per folio of 100 words, and that I could work either way— On the last day of December when my monthly bill was called for— I was enabled to present one at 10 cts per 100 words that amounted to $\$194^{21}$ and had I included the work of Dec. 31st in the bill it would have exceeded $200— My bill made quite a sensation in the Department. It was ahead even of the Chief Clerk, whose salary is $2200 per year— or $\$183^{33}$ per month— One of the old clerks asked me if I did not work Sundays— Had it not been for the rest of the Sabbath that always came just at the right time I could not have performed so much work— But God preserved my health— gave me a mind to work— and enabled me to give a demonstration of what I was worth as a mere copyist, in my old age—

This reminds me of a fact that will be a satisfaction to mention. About the time I began to preach in New York, Mr. Hallock of the Tract Society engaged me through Dr. Patton to do some writing for the Tract Society— He wished me to copy a circular to be sent many persons, & to different Auxiliary Societies— calling for donations to the tract cause— A very large number of these circulars was thus required—

I took hold and worked *with all my might*, just as I worked the last month here — and while engaged in that work Mr. E. F. Hatfield, then fitting for college & reciting to me in some branches of study, seeing what I was doing assisted me, and even copied many of these letters at his own home — On presenting my bill & I simply counted the time *I had been occupied*, and estimated my services for said time at the same salary that Mr. Hallock was receiving which Sal. I believe was then $1200 — The bill was rejected — It was said no man was *worth so much as a copyist*, and a trifling sum was allowed me — Not long after I presented to the Tract Society $50, & made myself a L. D.; but I believe, that Mr. Hallock ever looked upon me as having charged the Society exhorbitantly for my services. The work of last month is an evidence to my own mind that the tract Society when they refused to pay my bill & for the reason they assigned, *did me injustice*. Dr. Patton perhaps will recollect the circumstance — as he tried to soothe my feelings, & to comfort me in my disappointment —

When I last saw you, you were lame and afflicted — I hope you have long since recovered from your lameness — I have not been home since I left New York in June — — Unable to spare the expense or to lose the time. My going home to attend to Home Missionary Matters in Feb. or March last, at the request of Dr. Badger was expensive to me very — and threw me back very far from the point I was reaching to attain. I have ever thought as I told Dr. Badger at the time, that I was utterly unable to go to the expense or to lose the time necessary for such a service —

Direct me Washington. "At Department of State" —

Yours truly —

J. A. Murray —

[Murray John A]

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Department of State
Washington, Feb. 29 1864

Rev. D. B. Coe.
Sec A H M S.

Dear Brother —

It gives me much pleasure to be able to send you this day $30 — on my a/c —

I am very sorry that your lameness continues — A kind providence still favors me with excellent health — & prospers me in my work — In haste

Truly Yours —
John A. Murray —

Direct to me as above —

Dr. Coe should see this,

Rev. J. A. Murray
Washington D.C.
Jan. 16. 1864

Inclosing 2959
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[Murray, John A.]

Washington, 26 Oct. 1864.

Rev. Milton Badger- D.D.

Dear Brother -

Yours of Oct. 13th has been received. In reply permit me to say, that I have not been home at Geneva since the 1st week of April 1863. when I made a special visit home to attend to some Home Missionary matters. A letter written to me as late as April 28. 1863. requiring of me a particular service, & which service *seems* to require my presence at Geneva, has *necessarily been postponed* -.

As soon as I visit home I will endeavor to have the matter attended to -- I wrote to the Lady at Adams Basin in the fall of 1862 - that I was no longer connected with the A. H. M. S. and that all payments due on the mortgage were to be made in New-York - and gave her either your address or that of Bro Coe --

I regret that I cannot give you the information you ask for immediately - but will do so as soon as I possibly can - Kind regards to Bros Coe & Noyes -

Very truly Yours -

John A. Murray -

Rev. John A. Murray.
Washington. D.C.
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[Pomeroy, S.C.]

Washington, D.C.
April 30. 1864

Rev. and Dear Sir,

At a meeting of Congregationalists held April 24. 1864, the undersigned were appointed a Committee of correspondence, on the "expediency and practicability of establishing in this city a church of our order".

We are aware that, previous efforts have proved failures. But things have greatly changed. This city during the last three three years, has been and now is, rapidly filling up with people of Northern origin, and northern ideas and sympathies. Its population has

Rev. J. A. Murray
Washington D. C.
Oct. 24. 1864

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Respecting the
Mortgage of the
Adams Basin Property -

doubled; and it now contains, at least 120,000 inhabitants. Of the new residents many are Congregationalists by education and past association, if not by conviction and preference. And some seventy or eighty have expressed a desire for the organization of a church on the principles of the Pilgrims. Others, it is presumed, need only to see such an enterprise started under favorable auspices, to lend it their sympathy and co-operation; and brethren of other denominations, instead of frowning upon the effort, give us words of encouragement.

It appears to the subscribers, therefore that, the time has *fully* come for such an undertaking to begin. Ought not our doctrine and polity to be represented in the Capital of the Nation, where so many of the descendents of the Pilgrims are, and are likely to be, gathered: and ought not this seat of law and government to be made a sort of basis for the diffusion of Congregational ideas and influences to the South and South West, as that vast country opens and invites our occupancy?

As former efforts have ended in failures, we desire to proceed in such a way as to insure success, and do therefore earnestly solicit your advice + cooperation. Any suggestions you may make will be welcome.

¶ What would you recommend as to mode and manner of begining? Can you name some minister, especially adapted to this field and work - who is available? This is, in our estimation, a matter of prime importance.

As the greater part of those who have manifested and interest in this enterprize, are persons of limited means, we shall doubtless, need pecuniary assistance from abroad. Is there reason to believe that such assistance will be rendered, in case the enterprise is prosecuted wisely and with a fair prospect of success?

Hoping to hear from you soon, we remain

Yours fraternally,

S. C. Pomeroy
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J. B. Grinnell, M.C. Iowa.
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L. Deane. Maine.

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Hon S. C. Pomeroy, et al
Washington D. C. April
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Respecting the organization of a Org. Bk. in the City of Washington

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Rev. E. W. Robinson
Washington D.C. Nov
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Inquiries respecting
aid to a Cong. Church
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Ans.

[Robinson, Rev. E.]

Bethany, Ct., Nov. 15, 1864.

Rev. Dr. Badger,
Sec. Am. H. M. Soc.

Dear Sir,

As one of the Committee of Congregationalists of Washington, D.C. (the church not yet being reorganized as we intend it shall be soon,) I write by request of those associated with me to learn definitely what cooperation & aid & at what times, we can depend upon from your Society, when application is made in due form. Your Committee are no doubt aware that our enterprise is fully entitled to be called a home missionary work, & that there is no present prospect that a national Cong'l Ch. at the Capital can be sustained, at least for the first year or two on any other foundation — than by aid from the Society, or directly from the churches. At the same time the increasing numbers of our denomination in W., & the interests of it, seem to require — just now as in many respects a very favorable time, — that a vigorous effort, in the right way, so as not again to fail, should be made.

One of our number, Mr. W. R. Hooper, is supposed to have had consultation with prominent friends of the enterprise, of the ministers present at the meeting of the Am. Board, at Worcester — perhaps also with yourself: but by reason of his absence from the meeting of our Committee (& out of the region,) when we expected to hear the result from Worcester, it seemed necessary to write.

Our expenses will be at least $2000 per year for salary & $500 for rent of hall, with incidentals — & our attendants will at first pay but a small part of this. Besides a donation from the Cong! Union, we have hope of several hundred dollars from another source, which with your liberal aid & our own liberal subscription, we trust will be adequate to our wants.

The gentlemen who are taking action in this enterprise, are clergymen & laymen, who enlist in it, for the good of our cause, & the welfare of Zion, with true Christian enterprise & self-denial; but their means are limited, as well their numbers, for the expenses of living in the most expensive city of the land have nearly or quite doubled within three years, without the increase of salaries; so that they regard the effort not so much their own as that of the denomination, & to supply the real wants of the city & of our *own* people from scattered churches & congregations, in many States. Please address me, care Mr. L. Deane, Patent Office, Washington, D.C.

Truly yours,

E. W. Robinson.

Rev. C. C. Thompson
Washington D. C. June
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Respecting the Agency
of the Society in Michigan.

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Ans

O. C. Thompson [Thompson, Rev. O.C.]

WM. BALLANTYNE, Chairman, 498 7th St.
JOHN A. COLE, Gen. Field Agt., 500 H St.
REV. J. J. ABBOTT, Agent, 500 H St.
Washington, D. C.

U. S. Christian Commission,
BRANCH OFFICE, 500 H STREET.

Washington, D. C., June 1864

M. Badger D.D.

Dear Brother

I did not expect to be here when I saw you in Detroit. A telegram from the Christian Commission here saying that help in the work was needed here immediately, reached us. The brethren in Detroit thought I ought to come as I was without charge and intending to remain so for some time to come or until the matter of the H. M. Agency is fully decided

A few days after I saw you I attended a State Convention of Sabbath Schools at Grand Rapids The brethren in that region feel strongly on that point as I judge from some conversation which I had with Bro Ballou.

I learn through brother Fitchel that Bro Reed will not be called to Lansing. He had this from Mrs Hunter the wife of a Gov. Clerk at Lansing, who is a relative of Dr Fitchel and spending some time in his family. So that I suppose it is quite uncertain how and when the H.M. agency will experience any change.

I thought I would devote myself to the country and wait the developing of Events

If you should have occasion to address me for the next four weeks I can probably be found through the Christian commission as at the head of this note and after that at Detroit.

Yours truly
O C Thompson

[Willk i n, Rev. Reed]

Ans.

Washington D.C.
April 2. 1864

Rev. M. Badger
N.Y. City,

Dr. Sir,

One word by way of introducing myself & I pass to an item of business.

I am here spending the winter in order to obtain medical advice & treatment for my hearing. My hearing had become so much impaired, that I could not converse with the sick and dying, except through the agency of a third person. I have been here five months, and support myself by acting as a Clerk.

Now for my business. An effort is now being made here to organize and establish a congregational church.

There appears to be material enough in this city to form a church of 75 members or more, & to constitute a correspondingly large congregation.

There is now a minister here gathering together the scattered sheep, by the name of Powell. You will find his name in the Quarterly Register or other Congregational Quarterly as belonging to this city. Do you know him?

I do not think he expects to continue long here. His health appears to be feeble.

These facts I mention as preparatory to the inquiry. Whether, if we should make a beginning and organize a church,—you know any suitable minister who could be obtained to carry forward the enterprize? And if so will you mention some one.

We want advice in the premises. And I know of no one so capable of giving it as yourself.

For the present a Hall can be obtained to meet in. And I suppose a considerable portion of a minister's salary could be raised, on the spot, at once.

Will you be so kind as to answer my inquiry, and add such suggestions, & give such counsel as may occur to you.

I do not write by authority, nor with the knowledge of any one here, but on my own responsibility.

And I wish this to be "confidential".

Respectfully & fraternally
Yours
R. Wilkinson

P.S. I resigned the charge of the Cong. church in Fairfi
Iowa, in October last.

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Rev. Reed Wilkinson Washington D.C.
April 2. 1864 —

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Respecting a Cong. Ch. in Washington & a suitable minister —

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James Auld
Washington, D.C. May
19, 1865

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40 Inquiry

[Auld, James]

Ans.

380 Thirteenth Street,
Washington, D.C. May 19, 1865

D Sir:

If you are authorized to receive and receipt for money bequeathed to the American Home Missionary Society please furnish me with such proof of the fact as will satisfy our Orphans Court.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
James Auld.

Christopher R. Robert, Esq.
Bible House Astor Place,
New York City.

[Auld, James]

380 Thirteenth Street,
Washington, D.C., May 26, 1865

Dear Sir:

On the 26th February 1864 died Alexander Morrison of this city, a member of the New York Avenue Church. His Will contains the following clause:-

"Thirdly, I give and bequeath to the American Home Missionary Society the sum of Six thousand dollars."

On this bequest I have this day paid the Internal Revenue Tax of $300.- as shown by the Deputy Collector's receipt herewith. I now enclose you a draft for the residue, viz. $5.700.-, being in full payment of the legacy above specified, and I have to request that you will at once send me receipts in duplicate therefor.

The draft is numbered 289, drawn payable to my order by the Cashier of the National Metropolitan Bank on the Cashier of the Nat. Bk of Commerce New York. I have endorsed the draft payable to your order.

[Auld, James]

James Auld
Washington D.C.
June 20 1865

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Has recd. Certificate L. D. ship. much thanks

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380 Thirteenth Street,
Washington D.C. June 20, 1865.

Gentlemen:

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your Certificate showing that I have become a Director for life of the American Home Mißionary Society

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
James Auld.

To Messrs
Milton Badger,
David B. Coe,
A. Huntington Clapp,
Secretaries Amer. Home Miss. Society
New York City

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
James Auld,
Executor.

Christopher R. Robert, Esq.
Treasurer Am. Home Missionary Society
Bible House, Astor Place,
New York City.

James Auld. Executor
Alexander Morrison
Washington D.C.
May 26. 1865
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Legacy of $6000.
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Rev. John Kimball
Washington D.C.
April 12. 1865.

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Respecting his
going to California

[Kimball, Rev. J.]

(Copy)

Corner General Hospital
Washington D. C.
April 12. 1865

Sir.

I have received through you a letter from Members of the General Association of California inviting me to come to California and labor at Los Angelos, The letter also, stated that if "I would put myself in correspondence with Dr. Badger I would be furnished with further & fuller information"

I did not know that I could now ask for any more information as I am not able to leave the position I now occupy.

I ~~trust~~ the war is about over, and I shall be able to take a parish some-where -

[Smith, E. P.]

WM. BALLANTYNE, *Chairman*, No. 498 7th St.
JOHN A. COLE, *Field Agent*, No. 500 H Street.
REV. J. J. ABBOTT, *Agent*, No. 500 H Street.

U. S.
Christian Commission

WASHINGTON OFFICE,
No. 500 H STREET.

Washington, D. C. May 13 1865—

Rev. G. S. F. Savage

My dear Brother,

Yrs of the 4th has reached me by way of Phila & Nashville — My office is now in Phila — 11 Bank St. —

I shd say that Nashville is a fair & open field for Congregationalism — It will be a difficult field to live *from* unless the first start is a bold one.

There will be no material found on the spot save such as has drifted in since the war & there is no great amt of that which is stationary enough for church purposes & only a small portion of this latter that will have much to do with religion if they can help it. I had a strong & intelligent appeal not long since from an old resident of N., Northern born, for a Congl Enterprise — The communication, however, was anonymous, & I have not been able to follow it up — Have Mr. Best go by all means & survey the field — Pledge him funds to put up a chapel by early autumn & then if he can preach & pray & labor on the street he can make a good begining & *a very* important one —

Nashville is the key to Middle Tenn. & indeed to

It may be this letter is a call from God to go back to California –

Mr. Boardman was not successful in his labors in Los Angeles. I do not know but the inhabitants and prospects of the place have materially changed since –

A great field is opening here at the South. I have thought it might be my duty to engage in labor in this field

But for some months to come my work is with the army. By Autumn or Winter I hope to be free to go somewhere.

In the mean time I shall be glad to receive a letter from you –

Very respectfully,

(Signed) John Kimball.

Chaplain

U.S.A.

the State — more so than Memphis—

There is one living Pres. Ch., loyal by majority since our forces entered, & by a steadfast minority all through.
The other Pres. Ch. building is just released by Mil. authority & will I suppose be opened very soon by a regular pastor—

None of these Churches, however, will have an open gospel for sometime except the Baptist under Rev. Mr. Wayland a feeble daughter of Zion but likely to grow—

If I were in N. I shd be glad to aid Mr. Burt in any way consistent with other duties—

I am
Very truly yr Brother
Edw P. Smith
Sec'y U.S.C.C.

[Alvord, Rev. J.W.]

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Washington, June 13th 186

Rev Milton Badger D.D.

Dear Bro,

Have you any plan for Congregational Churches among the Col.d people of the South? You know what advantages — in some respects — you would have over all other Denominations.

I have just seen Francis Frederick — (Col.d) middle aged — of fine sense & piety — a slave once in Kentucky — but since then a resident for 10 years in England — where he was member of Rev Wm Rose (Cong.l) Ch. Bristo He is quite interested to have Congregationalism known among his brethren of the South — says it is "what they need in all respects" & "what they would receive". *If* my question above &

Wm. Ballantyne, *Chairman*, No. 498 7th St.
John A. Cole, *Field Agent*, No. 500 H Street.
Rev. J. J. Abbott, *Agent*, No. 500 H Street.

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No. 500 H STREET.

Washington, D. C. 186

Rev. E. P. Smith
Washington D. C.
May 13. 1865

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Nashville Tenn.
as a missionary field,
desiring Mr. Burt
going there —

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This notice of Fredrick interests you, please address him _ 64 La Rouse Alley [illegible] Baltimore Md. or, his pastor Rev Mr Johnson _

Yours very truly
J. W. Alvord

Rev. C. M. Blake
Washington City D.C.
Jan. 8. 1866—
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Inquiries for a
situation at the South
Freedmens Bureau

[Blake, Rev. C.M.]

Washington D.C.,
Jan. 8, 1866.

Dear Brethren,

Having spent most of the past five years on rebel soil as Army Chaplain, I am about to leave the service for civil life.

Last night I heard Rev. Mr. Roy your Agent at Dr. Boynton's Church here, and was much interested. If you have a field for me in Georgia, or Alabama, where I can find a support

Rev. J. W. Alvord
Washington D.C.
June 13 1866

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Inquiries in
reference to forming
Cong.c Ch.

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I am ready to enter into it.—

I have a wife who is superintending Colored Schools at Knoxville, Tenn.; and two children, both adults in size and capable of teaching—one having graduated at Yale, the other being Senior at Elmira College.

It will give me pleasure to hear from you soon.—I am 46 years of age, in good health—have been pastor several years in Harrisburg and N. Penna. Presbyteries, Pa.—I am a member of the 1st Cong. Chh. here. My native State is Maine, where I studied at Bowdoin.

It is possible that a position in the Freedmen's Bureau in Georgia and Alabama may be given me. I hope to be ready for duty with you, or the Bureau by 15th inst.

Yours very sincerely,
Charles M. Blake
late Hospl. Chaplain, U.S.A.

Secretaries A.H.M. Socy.
New York City.}

[B]lake, Rev. C. M.

Washington, D.C.,
Jan. 9, 1866.

Dear Dr. Badger,

I wrote a line yesterday to "Secretaries of A. H. M. Society", which may not have been addressed properly.

I am looking for a field of labor in the South, or S. West. As myself & family are familiar with the Spanish perhaps Texas will be the best point for us. I am ready to go where most needed.

Rev. Dr. Boynton and Rev. Mr. Alvord here know me. I think I met you in 1851 and 1857, on my return from California. — The past four and a half years I have been

At present I am engaged at the War Department giving them insight of things as seen last year at Chattanooga, Tenn.—

Please inform me if you have work for me and where?—

Be so kind as to send "Bartlett's Appeal for Ministers" to me here, and a copy to my son, Lieut. C. E. Blake, 40th U.S. C. Infty., Bridgeport, Alabama.

I have hopes of seeing you soon in N. York. It gave me much pleasure to meet Rev. Mr. Roy here last Sabbath.

Yours Sincerely
C. M. Blake.

Rev. Milton Badger, D.D.,
Bible Ho., Astor Place,
N. York City.

[Boynton, Rev. Charles]

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Washington November 8. 1866

Rev D. Badger

D. Sir

As the Rev Mr Johnson is a member of our Church. I have become somewhat familiar with him & his plans. His purposes are doubtless such as you will heartily approve of, & from the testimony of those on the ground & others acquainted with the facts it would appear that his field of labor has been judiciously chosen.

Should he succeed as by God's blessing we trust he may, the new church will be one of a cluster which we expect will soon spring up around this Central one in Washington, & through which our principles may be spread Southward, & promote the only safe & enduring reconstruction, that based on the Gospel of Christ. Brother Johnson desires an appropriation of six hundred dollars, he says, for his support & I trust his case may be favorably considered. At his request I ask that your reply be directed to me

Very Truly & Fraternally

Charles B. Boynton

Rev. C. M. Blake
Washington City D.C.
Jan. 9. 1866

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Inquiries for a Situation at the South Elsewhere or in the City -

. Bartlett's Appeal -

Rev. E. Goodrich Smith
Washington
D.C.
March 6th/66

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Rect. March 7th
Ans.

[Goodrich, Rev. E.]

Ans. Washington March 6. 1866.
(Tuesday)

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.
Secy. Am. Home Miss. Society

Dear Brother Badger—
Enclosed please find a draft on the Metropolitan Bank of New York endorsed to your order— for $15. a contribution to the funds of your Society. I wish it had been it been my power to make it a hundred or a thousand fold for I feel a deep interest in the cause in which you are engaged— I did not see you last fall when I called and made myself a life member— I then mentioned to a gentleman I saw that the money I left should have reached you through the Miss. Assocn. of the 1st Presby.n Church where I worshipped but was diverted from my purposes till on my discovering it I reclaimed a portion of it— My sympathies are with the Cong

Rev. Charles B. Boynton
Washington D.C.
Nov. 8. 1866

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In reference to Rev.
Mr Johnson,
Recommends him

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Ch. lately established & when able to attend I mean to cast in my lot with them as my wife now goes to their service when she can. — You know I was educated a Congregationalist & my dear blessed father who died 4 years ago yesterday felt a deep interest in your Society as I have also ever done. You know he left a small legacy out of his little means as a proof of his love to the cause —

I do not know as it can be done but if agreeable to you, as I mean to contribute as the Lord may prosper me some \$20 a 25 more in the course of the year — you can apply this towards my making my wife Susan Wadsworth Smith, also a life member — but do as you think best. It will do the same good I hope any way to the great

object of your Society -
I read the Magazine which
I receive regularly with much
interest and feel a deep sympathy
for the noble selfdenying
men who under your direction
are labouring for our dear
blessed Master - May
He bless your efforts, give
you Enlarged means & crown
Every undertaking prompted
by the wisdom with which
He may inspire you with
success - Very truly in the
bond of Christian fellowship
Yours &c E Goodrich Smith

Direct to me Box 509 -

Excuse my hasty note - I have
written because I was acquainted with
& not with others -
Will write

[Howard, O. O.]

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 18th, 1866.

Dear Sir:—You are aware of the efforts being made to establish a "Congregational Church" at the Capital of the Nation, and understand how anxious the friends of freedom and progress are to proceed immediately with the work.

We have a good Pastor, fearless in the preaching of the Gospel, and faithful in its application to passing events.

The enterprise is regarded as being entirely beyond mere denominational and local importance; for we are anxious to meet the wants, not of only those who sojourn here, being citizens of all the States, but also of strangers, who visit the Capital at stated periods and during the sessions of Congress.

Our plans are matured. The site for a church edifice is purchased at a cost of $23,000.—The American Congregational Union have paid for the same $13,500, and the title is in Trustees, appointed by them. The house will cost about $65,000. We have a large congregation, but they are of limited means, living on fixed salaries in an expensive city.

Will you look upon our enterprise in a National and philanthropic point of view, as well as with an earnest christian heart, for the good of our cause and progress of Christ's Kingdom?

Remembering how much darkness has already been uplifted, and what great encouragement we have, in rapid progress of events, to go forward, *will you aid us*, and commend our enterprise to the christian brethren of your neighborhood?

We appeal for aid to hold this stragetic point, for a free exposition and application of Gospel truth, and to supplement every other christian effort that is being made to extend a free Gospel to regions beyond us.

We feel that there is *here* opened an "*effectual door*" to Christian evangelization farther south, where heretofore our denomination has not been able to enter.

We make this earnest *appeal*, and trust that the Great Head of the Church will crown it with success, by adding His blessing.

In the bonds of a Christian fellowship we are

Very truly,

O. O. Howard

S. C. Pomeroy

H. A. Brewster

Com. Maj. & Mem

[Johnson, Rev. J. R.]

Washington D.C. Nov 8th 1866.

To the Ex. Com. of the Am Home M. Socy:

Beloved Brethren in Christ:

I trust that you will find it consistent to grant the request of the people of *Herndon* Va., in regard to sustaining ~~ye~~ me as a missionary among them and from that position as the *basis* of my operations — extending continued labors among the Freedmen of the counties of Alexandria, Fairfax, and London. The Am. M. Asso. declines to occupy that field — except that portion of it which belongs to Arlington Heights — including Freedmen's Village. *That* part (in Alx co.) they do fully and efficiently occupy — and I am in perfect harmony with those who there faithfully work: that was my first ~~post~~ station in Va. I would like to have my commission (if you grant it) date Nov 1st. If on account of your prior arrangements — you must defer the date until Dec 1st or eventu Jany 1st 1857 — very well — by the

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
& Others
Washington D. C.
June 18. 1866

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Condition & Prospects
of the Cong. Church in
Washington

help of individuals — I will endeavor to hold on — cheerfully — being encouraged by expecting your aid. ~~at the commencement of the approaching expected New Year.~~

I am aware that the appropriation which we ask is unusually large for you to grant, (judging from my knowledge of your former practice) but the field is large — and peculiar — not more than $200 can be gathered on the field: the Union men have lost much property. To replenish your funds I will see to it that in January a personal application shall be made to those members of Congress who are thoroughly loyal — that they may be solicited to contribute to the support of the mission — the sums which they may give being placed to your credit. (I am personally acquainted with Senators Wilson, Sumner, Nye — Pomeroy of K &c and with Pomeroy of N.Y. in the House, and his associates.

I will also write, (to promote the same plan of contribution) to those churches at the North in which I am personally acquainted: among them — West Killingly, Ct. (the place of my birth)

Milford Mass — (with that church I united
at the age of 15): in N.Y. Cincinatus —
Homer Cortland — Ithaca Williamsburgh (L.I.) — &c, fields
of my former labors as pastor — &
in protracted meetings.

Herndon is 25 miles from Alexandria —
on the London & Hampshire R R — extending
from Alx to Leesburgh.
It may interest you to notice that the
name perpetuates the memory of
"Lt Herndon" —
that energetic and youthful explorer —
who was employed by the U.S. Govmt. —
to explore the valley of the Amazon —
and who sacrificed his life in efforts to
save others — when the Central America
sank.
The President of the London & Hamp. R R
(Hon. Lewis McKenzie) has granted me
a free pass on the road: this needed
favor greatly facilitates my work.
At present I devote a portion of my time
to "Camp Distribution" (4 miles from Alx) where
there are 900 colored soldiers — and daily
increasing — and 200 citizen (colored) inhabitants.
Yours in our Lord — J. R. Johnson

Washington DC Dec 6th 1866

Rev D B Coe:
Sec'y of Am H M Soc'y:

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 28th rec'd yesterday. Having labored with the Freedmen of Va since July 11th 1863 — I know not how to yield the opportunity — the great privilege of working for that needy people.

Also — I wish to *educate* the *whites* of Va to help us instruct the colored people. The Herndon people harmonize with me in this matter.

Friends from the Cong Chh of Washington — are to meet me on Mond eve 10th to consult with me. I spend Sabb 9th at at Herndon. I'll write again on Tuesday — more specifically. In haste —

Yours — J. R. Johnson.

Rev. J. R. Johnson
Washington D.C.
Nov. 8. 1866

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His field &c. &c

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Rev. J. R. Johnson
Washington D.C. ~~Pa.~~
Dec. 6/66
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His work among
the Colored people

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Rev John A. Murray
Washington D.C. Nov.
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Respecting Rev.
Mr Johnson

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[Murray, Rev. John]

Washington. Nov. 7. 1866.

Rev. Dr. Badger. Sec. A. H. M. S.

Dear Brother —

When I was Secretary of the Western Agency, the Rev. Joseph R. Johnson was frequently on the list of missionaries, and was esteemed a faithful missionary and worthy of support. The fruits of his labors may be seen by the Table of missionary results as published in the Annual Report of the Society. He has lately been a voluntary chaplain in the U. S. service, & more recently has been engaged by the American Missionary Association among the freedman in this part of our country.

It is now proposed to have him labor as a Home Missionary in a large and destitute field, in Virginia, forming Sabbath schools and bible classes, and organizing churches, as the way shall be prepared for such organizations, both among the white and colored population. Mr. Johnson has some experience in labors of this

description, and is thought to have quali-
fications and love for this peculiar work.
If he is sustained by the A. H. M. S. as
per application the question may soon be
satisfactorily determined whether such fields
can be taken up by the A. H. M. S. with
fair promise of usefulness. If Mr. Johnson
is commissioned by the Society he will,
I am very sure, conscientiously work the
field assigned him, and "watch for souls as
one who must give an account."

Very truly Yours.

John A. Murray

Rev. J. E. Roy
Washington D.C.
Jan. 8. 1866
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Has arrived &c
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[Roy, Rev. J. E.]

Washington D.C. Jan. 8th

Rev. Dr Coe,

Dear Bro,

Arriving on Saturday evening I found Mr Robert at Willards. He unfolded to me his plans. He is the right sort of a missionary. Schools and the Free Labor Institutions of the North are desiderata at the South. I was glad to learn from him that a man, Mr Manning, had gone to Chattanooga. Dr Boynton tells me that Prof. Hopkins, who has been to Richmond, writes him of the importance of a Cong. Church at that place, confirming my recommendation. Yours Truly J. E. Roy
(over)

[White, H.T.]

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

Washington D.C. Nov. 14th 1866.

Rev. Dr. Badger

Secty of the H. M. Society

Dear Sir,

The application of Joseph R. Johnson for aid from your Society, having been presented to the Board of Officers of the First Congregational Church in Washington for their endorsement, we heartily concur in the within statement of facts so far as they are known to us. From what we hear from reliable authority, and from a personal knowledge of the facts which some of the members of the Board posses, having been on the ground, we are free to say that we believe that a Missionary for the within named region, is earnestly called for, and will doubtless be the means of extending a knowledge of the true Gospel of the Redeemer in those

Yesterday morning I heard
Dr Boynton in the Repre-
sentatives' Hall, which was
nearly full, 800, by count.
He is popular. The Cong.
enterprise is getting along
finely. In the evening
I preached for Dr. B. in
their Hall, where the second
service is held.

In connection with
my sermon I gave some
account of my trip South.
The brethren seemed
much gratified.

We must soon have
a Church at Georgetown
and one at Alexandria.

Yours
J. E. Roy

regions where its influence is at the present time especially required in the work of reconstruction

We do not think that the Church which asks for aid, can raise more than Two Hundred (200) Dollars for the present year.

They have been greatly impoverished by the war.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson can also be of great service to the Freedmen in that region, he having been employed at one time by the Am. Miss. Association for their especial benefit. This whole district of country referred to by Mr. Johnson, is now comparatively lying waste, having no missionary labor performed in it.

In view of all these considerations, and many more which might be stated, we feel that the granting of the aid asked for, will be doing a good work, for the cause of truth and will ultimately result in the enlargement of the borders of our Zion. —

Yours in the bonds of
Christian sympathy,
and love of the com-
mon cause —
Charles B. Boynton
Pastor First Congl Church
Washington D.C.

Deacons of the 1st Congregational Church Washington D.C.
D. B. Nichols
William Whelan
Dwight H. Bliss
J. H. Hodges
H. T. White

Officers of 1st Cong.
ch. Washington D.C.
Nov. 14. 1866

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Recommend the
appointment of
Rev. Mr Johnson

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J. N. Alvord.
Wisewell Barracks.
Washington. D.C. Nov 12/67

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Requests the Society to send a Missionary, to labor among the Freedmen.

Ans'd.

[Alvord, J. N.]

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Wisewell Barracks
Washington Nov 12. 67

Mr David B. Coe —
Dear Sir

I am appointed one a committee to ask you to send a missionary to this part of the city to labor among the Freedmen — The Am. Miss. Association having withdrawn from this field this people are left quite destitute of such labor. We want a good lady who knows how to work in the homes of heathenism — If you do not send single females one with a husband of the right sort would have her power greatly increased thereby — Indeed, an ordained missionary — to preach miscellaneously to the multitudes he could gather around him, is greatly needed here.

could do together would not more than half meet the pressing immediate emergency -

Do you know that politicians are waiting for the improved adult and social condition of this people - May we hope to hear from you soon -

Yours Very Respectfully -

J. W. Alvord -

Gen Supt Education

Freedmen's Bureau

The result might be under right management the formation of a colored Congregational Church. We try to get this people into *our congregation*, but Dr Boynton thinks this people better go by themselves. We have some trial on this subject, but my point now is to get the *social* and *family* condition improved. Our schools, flourishing as they may seem, will soon drift against fatal obstructions, unless the homelife, where these children spend eighteen hours out of the twenty four, become civilized. The schooling there in very many particulars overmasters all our efforts. I need not expand this statement. The whole South calls imperatively for the work I am describing. If the Am. Miss. Association don't do it you *must*. What both of you

Rev E. Goodrich Smith
Washington
D. C.
March 9th 1867

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Recd. March 11th

Dr B. will write } Ans.

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[G[illegible]rich, Rev. E]

Washington March 9. 1867
(Saturday)

Dear Brother Badger,

I presume you may have seen that Congress gave the clerks of the Offices in this an extra compensation of 20 per ct for a year from July 1. 1866. — As I have one of the lowest salaries,— though my labors are much harder than of many others— my added remuneration is not large. But I was paid ~~day before~~ yesterday after deducting the income tax as usual $152— Now I feel that of the whole whatever it may be for the year I ought to set apart a portion to the sacred cause of the Lord. and so as I feel that perhaps I can do more good by giving it to your Society, you will find inclosed a draft on New York for $15.— I have forgotten the name of your treasurer. (writing at the Office so I endorse it payable to you as Secy— de— I thought it might be more useful to you to send it now, than to wait and add what I further intend for your Society (if the Lord prospers me) in the Course of the year.

You can put it on the same account as my previous last payment to constitute my wife Mrs Susan W. Smith a life member — and you will oblige by letting me know if it reaches you safely.

To day 5. years I saw my beloved father's remains committed to the grave — after he had "fought the good fight, finished his course and kept the faith" — leaving as you will recollect a testimony out of his little means of his ~~life~~ love to your Society.

The same interest I cherish and hope ever to do so — and God may accept each the little offering, though intrinsically not much, which with my prayers I thus lay on His altar that the Gospel may be preached to others.

More & more do I feel as I grow older, that most precious truth in our Saviour's words, so graciously re-

served to us by the apostle Paul
"It is more blessed to give than to
receive."

I write as you see in unstudied outflow to you as a friend, rather officially. and I trust you will excuse my so long detaining you. and I close with my most earnest prayers, that God may ever bless you all in your Society, make every dollar contributed to become a power as it were to multiply itself, so that your treasury may never want the means to answer every call from a dying world. Would that all God's people felt, that they are not their own, bought with a price, the precious blood of the Redeemer, all they have is to be freely yielded to his bidding —

Truly Your friend &
brother in Christ
Roderick Smith.
P.O. Box 509.

Rev. D. M. Badger
~~Secy &c~~
W M White

[Johnson, Rev. Jos.]

(10, a.m.)

Washington D.C. Dec 5th 67.

Ex Com of Am H M S.
Dear Brethren:

We have refered the brethren Dr Thompson of N.Y. & Dr Buddington of Brooklyn L.I. to yourselves in reference to an application which our building committee at Herndon ~~will~~ make to them to obtain aid to complete our building for educational purposes, and public worship.

We trust that you will ~~endorse~~ favor our application. We shall not apply to the Cong-Union for funds. As brother St John was formerly a member of Dr Buddingtons church he feels special ~~conf~~ confidence in applying to him.

The building which we have undertaken to erect will be used by the whole community — and of out those who may assemble there, it is probable that three church organizations will be formed — Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and Methodists. The Cong chh will probably be organized before we go into that building. We shall no longer delay with the hope of obtaining the cooperation of those Presby members at Lewinsville, under the care of Rev Mr Deckhert of Falls Chh. Our ~~bad~~ house will be two stories, and after each denomination shall have erected a church edifice — the upper story — will ever be useful for lectures, prayermeetings, &c also (perhaps) for some school.

We need this house which we are now erecting, which we may use with others, until we may be prepared to build a church.

Friday a m 6th —

We have succeeded in making decided progress in forming an association, designated "The Association of the F. C."

We met at Dr Boyntons yesterday, and ~~We~~ passed the resolution which I enclose.

Yours in the Gospel
J. R. Johnson.

Whereas by the desolations of our late civil war, many churches have been broken up, & the work of reconstruction together with the coming in of new settlers & the changes among the freedmen will be likely to call for the occupancy of fields re-opened for preaching the gospel, & the formation of new churches,—

Therefore resolved, that while deprecating denominational rivalry, we feel called upon to do all in our power to enter upon this work & cooperate with brethren who may need our aid, to encourage the exploration of the field in adjacent States & the formation of Congregational churches wherever the Providence of God may open the way, & to recommend for aid to the Am. Home Missionary Society, all such enterprises as seem hopeful by such aid of becoming efficient & self-sustaining churches.

Passed by Assoc. of D.C. Dec. 5, 1867.

E. W. Robinson, Scribe.

[Ketchum, A. P.]

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Washington, May 6th — 1867 —

Rev. D. B. Coe D.D —
Am. Home Miss. Society —

My dear Sir:

I have just received your favor of May 4th. Though it is more than a year since I last visited Beaufort, I have learned from friends that the people there will be very glad to have a "live preacher" among them. During the war, the white population consisted exclusively of loyal Northerners, many of whom still remain, and enough, I think, to give great encouragement to such an enterprise as your society propose. Even returned rebels, who are in the minority there, would be attracted by good preaching, and the blacks, who are very numerous and generally of the Methodist or Baptist persuasion, by wise treatment might be made to sym-

Rev. Jos. R. Johnson
Washington, D.C. Dec 5/67

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Aid needed: to complete a house for Educational purposes & Public Worship. Encloses a copy of Resolutions passed by the Assoc of D.C.

pathize with you, and lend you a helping hand.

A gentleman connected with a prominent society in New York, and very lately from Beaufort, informed me that loyalists there were proposing to establish a Union evangelical church for the purpose of uniting in one society as many as possible of the Northern residents, irrespective of particular denomination — This shows activity and a right purpose —

I will write at once to friends at Beaufort, who will give me reliable information which I will give you the benefit of, and in June, when I expect to visit South Carolina, will make enquiries in person.

I shall hope before long to see you at New York, and will then be able to refer to the matter more fully

Yours very truly
A. P. Ketchum

A. P. Ketchum
Washington D.C.
May 6, 67

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Respecting Beaufort
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Rev. John A. Murray
Washington D. C.
Jan. 8. 1867

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Adams' Babin
Mortgage —

Ans.

[Murray, Rev. John]

Washington, Jan. 8. 1867.

Rev. Dr. Badger—

Immediately on the receipt of your first letter, dated Nov. 14th '66 — I wrote home, requesting my wife to search for the Bennett Morgage, among certain papers, and when found to consult a lawyer as to the steps to be taken to have the matter adjusted as you desired— My wife writes me that she has not been able to find it — so that if it is at my house it probably will not be found until I go home — As I have not thought of the mortgage for years — and have not been home much over a month in three years, I cannot now certainly locate it — I think when relieved from the W. Agency I sent the mortgage to New York — and if I recollect right it was returned to me for collection — If any payments were made to me after that, they were duly reported and endorsed

[Murray, Mrs. John]
(Money enclosed)

State Department
Washington, January 14/67 -

Dear Sir -

Please do me the favor to send me a blank satisfaction piece for me to sign and acknowledge, discharging of record a certain mortgage executed by

William Bennett of Adams Basin }
Monroe County }
to
John A. Murray - Agent of the
American Home Mis. Society. -

now of record in your office -
and oblige yours truly -
John A. Murray -

Monroe Co clerks office
Rochester

Do not find the mortgage on record in this office Geo H Barry
clerk

on the mortgage — It would be well if any payments have been made within three years to ascertain to whom they were made. If payments have been made to Wm Alling of Rochester it is barely possible that the mortgage may have been sent to him, so that he might endorse on it any payment that he may have received — but of thus sending it to him I have no distinct recollection — But if it is not in New-York — nor in Rochester — it should be in my hands ~~at Geneva~~ and when I go to Geneva it will probably be found — —

The whole matter has been so long dismissed from my mind, that I now have no very distinct recollection of the amount that is still due — Were I home I should probably find memoranda that would recall the whole subject to my memory —

Affectionately Yours —

John A Mooney —

Washington March 13 —

Rev Milton Badger D.D.
Sec. A. H. M. S —

Dear Brother —

The delay in sending this paper has been unavoidable — Supposing that the mortgage had been given me by Wm. Bennet — I wrote first to the Clerk's Office Monroe Co. N.Y. for blank satisfaction piece to take from record such a mortgage — and received word back — endorsed on the letter — "Do not find the mortgage on record in this office." — Geo. H. Barry, Clerk." —

I then engaged a lawyer going to Rochester from this place. to ascertain whether there was a mortgage given me, as Agent for A. H. M. S — by Mrs. Sarah W. Bennett, on Adams Basin property, and if so to make out a satisfaction paper &c — He found the "record" — made out the paper which I enclose — duly signed and acknowledged by me — and which when Mrs. Bennet pays the amount due on the mortgage will suffice to discharge the record. &c —

I enclose a letter from Mrs Bennet received some time ago — When I go home should I find the mortgage I will either send it to you — or to Mrs. Bennett —

Very truly Yours.

John A. Murray —

West Brighton Nov 4th 84

Mr Murray

Dear Sir

as I have not heard any thing from you in regiard to the Morgage ~~on~~ Which you hold on the Parsnage at Adams Basin in some time I thaught I would Wright a few lines. I have written to ~~New Ny~~ New york Sevrel times and get no answar I have maid one payment on it in New york and they could not find it and new nothing whare it was.. and I woul would like to have you wride and let me no whair it is as I would like to take it up.. I maid one payment of $80 to the Home Mission Socioty and they said they would find out whare it was and let me Know please Oblige me by letting me Know as soon as Possible

~~yours~~

Mrs Sarah Bennett

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please Addreß Mrs Sarrah Bennett
West Brighton
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Rev. John A. Murray
Washington D. C.
March 13, 1869

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Accompanying a Satisfaction Piece — Adam's Basin Mortgage

Ans.

Rev. Milton Badger D.D.

Cor. Secretary of the A. H. M. S. –

Dear Brother –

The Rev. Joseph R. Johnson, a missionary of your Society in Va. called on me to day, and wished an application might be made to the Society in his behalf for an enlargement somewhat of his field – His plan is this: —
He will reside at Herndon – Devote 8 months of the year to Herndon – (Fairfax Co – and Guilford (London Co –) and the immediately adjacent neighborhoods – and devote 4 months in four excursions to destitute parts of the State with particular regard to find openings for Congregational churches – forming sabbath schools and bible claſses, and having them placed under the care of some one adapted to instruct – & who would wish the establishment of such a church in said locality – He tells me he has formed some acquaintances of influential Northern men in the Counties of Fairfax – Alexandria – and London – who would aid him in his plans, & introduce him into other portions of the State that it might be deemed desirable to visit — —

When on his monthly excursions in the other parts of the State, he would see that his place at Herndon & Guilford would be supplied by some faithful brother - He thinks that one of three or four brethren - residing in Washington, formerly of New England, might be obtained for this supply - the expense of which he himself would meet - out of the appropriation that might be made him - To accomplish his plans, he tells me he will need an appropriation of $800 - and would in addition wish the Society to meet his travelling expenses by permitting him to take up collections for that purpose - he to report statedly the amount of collections, & expenses - and to credit the Society the sum over expenses. &c -

Mr. Johnson informs me that at Herndon, a school house to be used for public worship is to be completed by January 1. 1868 - The ground has been given by Mr. St. John, now residing there, and who used formerly to live at Ithaca - and was when there one of the large and liberal donors to Home Missions - Mr St John I understand has also promised ground for a Cong. Church at that place - and where a church will be organized of some 11 members by January 1st '68 -

At Guilford - land has been promised for a church - and the people there Mr. Johnson tells me, expect to put up a house 26 by 32 - by May '68 - . Herndon and Guilford are 4 miles apart - on the Loudon and Hampshire R. R. — Mr. St John now makes his home at Herndon — A few such helpers as Mr. St. John would be of very great service to Mr. Johnson - in his missionary labors -

I am not personally acquainted with this field - except I know it to be a very destitute one - and where missionary efforts may result in good - Others will speak more particularly than I can - It is a day of small things there at present, but should persons move into Virginia from the North as expected these small beginnings may be connected with important results -

Mr. Johnson lost a son in the late war, who lies in an unknown grave in Virginia - which circumstance has had its influence in directing Mr. Johnson to Virginia - as a field of missionary service -

Commending this field to your favorable consideration - and Mr. Johnson - as a suitable man to occupy it - I remain, yours affectionately -

John A. Murray —

Washington. Oct. 5. 1867 -

Washington, D.C. Oct. 9, 1867.

Regarding the desirableness of still occupying the field at Herndon & vicinity, with the prospect of a speedy organization of a Cong'l. chh., hitherto hindered by a Presbyterian element, which it is now expected will coalesce; & viewing the plan of an exploration of the State not only as timely, but urgently demanded if we would extend our polity & the Master's work; & having been gratified with the success of Br. Johnson as he has reported his labors from time to time in the meetings of the Cong'l. chh. in this City, and with his zeal & consecration to the work in Virginia, the undersigned would cordially endorse the within application.

E. W. Robinson, late Pastor Bethany, Ct.

S. P. Giddings formerly Pastor of the Cong'l. Chh Springfield Vt.

J. W. Alvord

Wm. Russell, Ct. Pastor Conn.

J. H. Hodges
H. T. White
L. B. Nichols
Dwight H. Bliss
} Deacons Cong. Chh. Washington.

Rev. John A. Murray
Washington, D.C. Oct 15/67
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Recds. the appointment of Rev. Jos. R. Johnson as Missionary for Virginia – he to devote 8 months of the year to Herndon and Guilford & 4 months in excursions to destitute parts of the State – $800 aid would be required – Revs. E. W. Robinson, S. P. Giddings, J. W. Alvord & Wm Russell concur with Rev. J. A. Murray.

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[Robinson, E.W.]

Washington, D.C.
June 17, 1867

Secs. Am. H. Miss. Soc.

I am in want of facts concerning the history & work of the Am. Home Missionary Soc., which I have sought for in vain in my religious papers, which I wish to use at a public meeting on Wed. eve, of this week, & though there is some uncertainty of obtaining the same by sending to you, I will make the attempt, & respectfully request you to send me the jubilee report of the Soc. of last year. I know of no one likely to have it in this city. I know not how much the postage will be, but send, I suppose, enough.

Truly yours

Address — E. W. Robinson
236 Ninth St.
Washington, D.C.

E. W. Robinson. 236. 9^{d} S
Washington, D.C. June 17/6

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Requesting Information i
Regard to H. M. Soc.

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Rev. E. G. Smith -
Washington D. C.
May 16 - 67

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Acknowledges
receipt of remittance -

[Smith, Rev. E. G.]

Washington Thursday
May. 16. 1867.

To Dr M. Badger
Secy. of Am. Home Miss. Socy -

Dear Sir. I recd ~~the~~ your letter of the 15th inst. containing an inclosure of $5. from Rev. James H. Warren of San Francisco Cal. for the house now building by the Cong. Society of this City.

I have handed to a friend a Deacon of that Society, in the Patent Office, who will send it to Gen Howard & request him to acknowledge it to the donor.

I am not quite ready yet, but I hope before long to send you a small donation for your Society, according as God may

[Smith, E. G.]

Washington Friday
May 29. 1868.

Christopher R. Robert Esq
Treasurer of Am. Home Missy Socy.
Dear Sir,

Inclosed I send you a draft for (Fifteen) $15. Dollars - at 16.45 by Rittenhouse Fowler & Co of this City payable to me and endorsed to yours order.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the same - I only wish it was 10 or 100 fold more, but I trust the good & gracious Lord may accept it with my prayers for the noble Society, which He has already blest to the Spiritual wants of so many souls. Kindly remember me to dear Brother Badger whom I should have been glad to have met at New Haven last week had I been able - God keep you all

Very truly Yrs &c

E Goodrich Smith Box 509 P.O.

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prosper me" — I regard your Society as standing one of the foremost in its claims upon Christian benevolence — May the Lord prosper you in your management of its concerns & may you and your associates ever have His blessing in the rich returns brought to your notice of souls brought to our blessed Redeemer

Most truly & affectionately
Your brother in Christ
E Goodrich Smith.

Rev J. E. Rankin
Washington. D.C. July 25/70
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Respecting Church at Herndon.
— Rev J. R. Johnson —
— " Mr Jordan. —

Ans'd

[Rankin, Rev. J.]

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Wash., D.C.,
July 25th 70

Dear Dr. Clark:

I promised to keep you informed about Herndon. Mr. Downing who was reading sermons, has given way to Rev. Mr. Jordan of Me., who has preached two Sabbaths very acceptably. The people mean to raise $500. for him. Some 16 stand ready to unite with the church. They want $300. from the Soc., expecting in less than two years to have a new church, & to be self-supporting.

Now, if Rev. Johnson were notified that at the end of six months — you

Rev. E. G. Smith
Washington
D.C.
May 29th 1868

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$ 15.

Rec'd. sent. May 30th.

Dr. B.
will write
Ans.

remember I asked the same appropriation for him, only until Herndon should be otherwise supplied — you must give a portion of your appropriation to Herndon for Mr. Jordan's support, how would that do? *I should be glad to have you fill out the year for him as you have begun.* But, perhaps, it can not be expected. At any rate, I feel that a new spirit of enterprise has seized upon the church in Herndon, & that now is the time to encourage them.

Please regard my letter confidential. I shall be happy to give further information. Am to be in Boston & vicinity for several weeks.

Aff Yours

L. A. Rankin

[Rankin, Rev. J.E]

Wash., D. C. Aug. 29/78.

Dear Dr. Clapp:

Have just been over in Herndon & attended a Tues. evening meeting. The little church is really looking up. They have some 15 ready to unite, & wish me to administer the Com. com. They have raised $400. & the ch. at Guilford add $100., making $500. for Mr. Jordan, or some one else. They want your Soc. to add $300. I think it will be wise to do so. They

=sacrifice. I can do same. More than this I can not say. He is through at Herndon, but has a home here. He was here, last Wednesday. I told him I would suggest to you the propriety of his visiting Occoquan, & some other points, say Richmond, to explore: though not to be long away from his preaching places. He wants an appointment to devote himself to that work. My own judgment is, that he may do all that needs to be done, incidentally this year.

go right to work to build a meeting house & parsonage, & I like their spirit.

I found Mr. Johnson had the sympathy of some of the more generous of my people, when I came here. He had been true to the freedmen, & had suffered for it. Some of my people had been over & slept in his half-finished house, & seen his laboriousness & self-

it [illegible] as misread the
Commission for "Hendon vi-
cinity", reading Hendon &
vicinity.

Hoping that you are
well, & with kindest wishes
& memories,

Aff. Yrs
A. C. Rankin

3 Washington Friday [Smith, Mrs. E.G.]

Dec. 30. 1870.

Wm. H. Smith Esq
Treas. of Am. Home Miss Society
New York—

Dear Sir,

Please find inclosed from Fant– Washington & Co on the Metropolitan Bank of New York No. 1688 to my order & endorsed to yours for Forty Three ($43.) Dollars .i of which please accept for your Society Twenty five ($25.) Dollars as a Donation ~~to~~ from myself— for which receipt as usual— I hope ere the year is out I may add more, as I would gladly now do if I could—

Give my kind regards to Dr. Backus with wish for happy New Year to him & you all— May God bless you & Society & its Missionary.

I will venture to ask of you the favor to pay over the following sums, obtain receipts & inclose in

Rev J. E. Rankin
Washington. D.C. Aug 29. 1870

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Respecting the Chs at Herndon & Guilford, they raise $500 - & want the Soc to add. 300 - for Rev Mr Jordan. —

— Rev J. R. Johnson —

yours for the remainder of the
amt of Draft viz—

To Am. Bible Society $10—

To Am. Tract Society
Nassau St.— 5

To N.Y. Observer my bill
inclosed for the coming year 3

I dislike to trouble you but it is now so convenient to get little drafts and I should like the Sums paid— Please let me know as soon as convenient if the Draft reaches you safely and Excuse my hurried letter as I have a number to write before I sleep while I am far from well suffering by Catarrh &c

Very truly Yours &c

Goodrich Smith

$25 — A.H.M.S.
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Rev. E. [illegible] Smith
Washington
Dec. 30th 1870 D.C.

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Rev. E. Goodrich Smith
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[Goodrich, Rev. E.]

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Washington Jany 28. 1873.

William Henry Smith Esq.
Treasurer of the Am. Home Missy.
Society. Bible House Astor Place
New York.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find a draft No. 5630 from Fant Washington & Co. to my order and endorsed to yours on the Metropolitan Nat. Bank of N.Y. for forty five ($45) Dollars, of which please apply Thirty ($30) Dollars as a donation from me to the American Home Missy. Society. I wish I could make it manifold, but it is all I can now do. Possibly I may do something farther before the year is out. I see the Society is in want and you & all the faithful self denying missionaries have my constant

prayers that God may open the
way to the needful supply.
May He bless this mite of mine
now sent you also—

May I further request you
Dear Sir, to hand to the Treasurer
of the Am. Bible Society (I do
not remember his name having
had no Report of any the Societies
for some time) Ten ($10) Dollars
a donation to that Society. — and
put into the enclosed note for
{fill in middle letter of his name}
Wm. Kingsbury, Treas.r of Am Tract
Society the remaining five ($5)
Dollars seal & send to him.

You can take a receipt from
Am. Bible Society for me & enclose
it with your own for the Am
Miss Society.

I would not trouble with
these Commissions but for the fact

that our bankers do not like to draw for small sums on N.Y. and I trust you will therefore Excuse my liberty in the matter

May God be with you & crown your useful labors with great success. I suppose my old friend D. Badger is not with you but when you see him remember to him

Very truly & in Christian fellowship Yours

Rev E Goodrich Smith
Box 509. P. O.
Washington
D. C.

Mrs M T Cook
Wash. D.C. Oct. 1886
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Clothing
J.A. Woodburn

[Cook, M. T.]

J A Woodburn

Ans

Indian Office.
Washington. D.C.

Secretary—
Home Miss Society.
Bible House, N.Y. City.

Dear Sir:

A few friends are desirous of making up a box for some Home Missionary— While we cannot contribute as valuable articles as are found in some of the boxes we wish to put in only such as will be useful, and to that end would be glad to correspond with the family and learn the needs beforehand. Such a course I am satisfied will materially assist us in the solic-

M. S. Cook
Washington, D.C. Dec. 13/76
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No. 108 – Box
Val. $220.–

Sent by them to
Rev. J. A. Woodburn

[Cook, M. S.]

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Department of the Interior,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C. 13 Dec. 1876.

Rev. Dr. Clapp –
Secty. Home Mis. Socy.

Dr. Sir.

The ladies of the Congl. Church of Washington have just sent a box of clothing valued at $220.00 by freight to Rev. J. A. Woodburn, Holton, Kansas.

We expected to secure free transportation, but at the last moment the Company decided that a box weighing over 300 pounds was too heavy to go for nothing – So, as all our fund has been expended in filling the izing of contributions. Will you therefore give me the name of some missionary to whom I may write for a list of what is most needed. I shall, of course, be careful to write such a letter as will not hurt the pride or wound the feelings as I am aware that some missionaries are human and are not to be treated with the want of consideration which they often have to bear.

May I ask your early attention to this and oblige

Yours Respectfully

(mf) M. J. Cook.

box we shall have to ask your Society to reimburse Mr. Woodburn for the fast freight charges which are to be paid on delivery -

Yours Respectfully

M. J. Cook.

[Jones, G. J.]

THE TABERNACLE * * * *
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
Ninth St., bet. B St. and Va. Ave., S. W.

G. JAMES JONES, PASTOR,
Residence, 908 Va. Ave., S. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 7. 1893.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Kincaid,

Dear Friend: My commission at hand, for which I desire to thank you. The church is now on such a foundation that will make its future useful and great. Were there any doubts about this I would never consented to this request for aid. It is needed. Twelve months will prove to you the wisdom of the investment.

Very truly

G. James Jones.

Cor. 10th & G sts n.w.
Washington D.C.
May 6. 1893

Rev. F. E. Clark D.D.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of yesterday is just at hand. I am sensible that you do me great honor in asking me to serve the Society as you suggest, and I feel incompetent for the situation. But I cannot decline your invitation since it will permit me to add my appeal for continual enlargement. I shall be in New York the last of next week and will see you.

Yours truly Sincerely
J. P. Newman

G. J. Jones, 12968.
Washington
D. C.

Apr. 7/93

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Commission received.

Can you send me about
100 envelopes for Collection
for H. M. We will take it
up on first Sabbath in
May.

[Newman, Rev. S. M.]

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Cor. 10th & G sts n.w.
Washington D.C.
May 19. 1893

Rev J. B. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark

I forgot entirely to ask you how many minutes I can occupy in my remarks. I hope that all miscellaneous discussion can be concluded before the service of the final evening so that the four speakers can have the time, and the unity of the service be complete in the effort to promote the "Summing up and Consecration" at which it is desirable to arrive. Please give me an approximate idea of my time.

Yours sincerely

S. M. Newman

Ans'd.

Cor. 10th & G sts n.w.
Washington D.C.
May 4. 1893

Dear Dr. Clark

The May Home Missionary is just at hand and I cannot refrain from sending a note of joy at the good showing of the treasury report. I am continually impatient for a rapid increase in the funds of the society, and hope that the coming year will witness ardent

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S. M. Newman
Washington
D.C.
May 4/93
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Respecting outcome of year's Finances.

[Nowman; S.M.]

Ans'd

Cor. 10th & G Sts n.w.
Washington D.C.
May 24. 1893

Dear Dr. Clark

Pardon one more question. How can I best go from New Yor. Cy. to Saratoga next Monday? I can travel from here to New York on clerical permit for ½ fare each way. Can I get certificate at New York on either road if I buy full ticket one way to Saratoga which will give me ⅓ fare returning?

The General Assembly makes very hot weather here!!

Yours Sincerely
S. M. Newman

[Rankin, J. C.]

Ansd

May 9th. 1893

Dear Dr. Clark:

I have been expressing a sentiment for your anniversary. If you can do better, send this back. If you want it let me see the proof.

Very truly,

J. E. Rankin,

P. S. I thank you for your kindness to The Tabernacle.

J. E. R.

efforts on the part of
all our ministry to realize
the need and meet it.
I know you at the Bible
House bear great burdens
and need great encour-
agement.

I rejoice with you
in the present relief

Yours very sincerely

J. M. Newman

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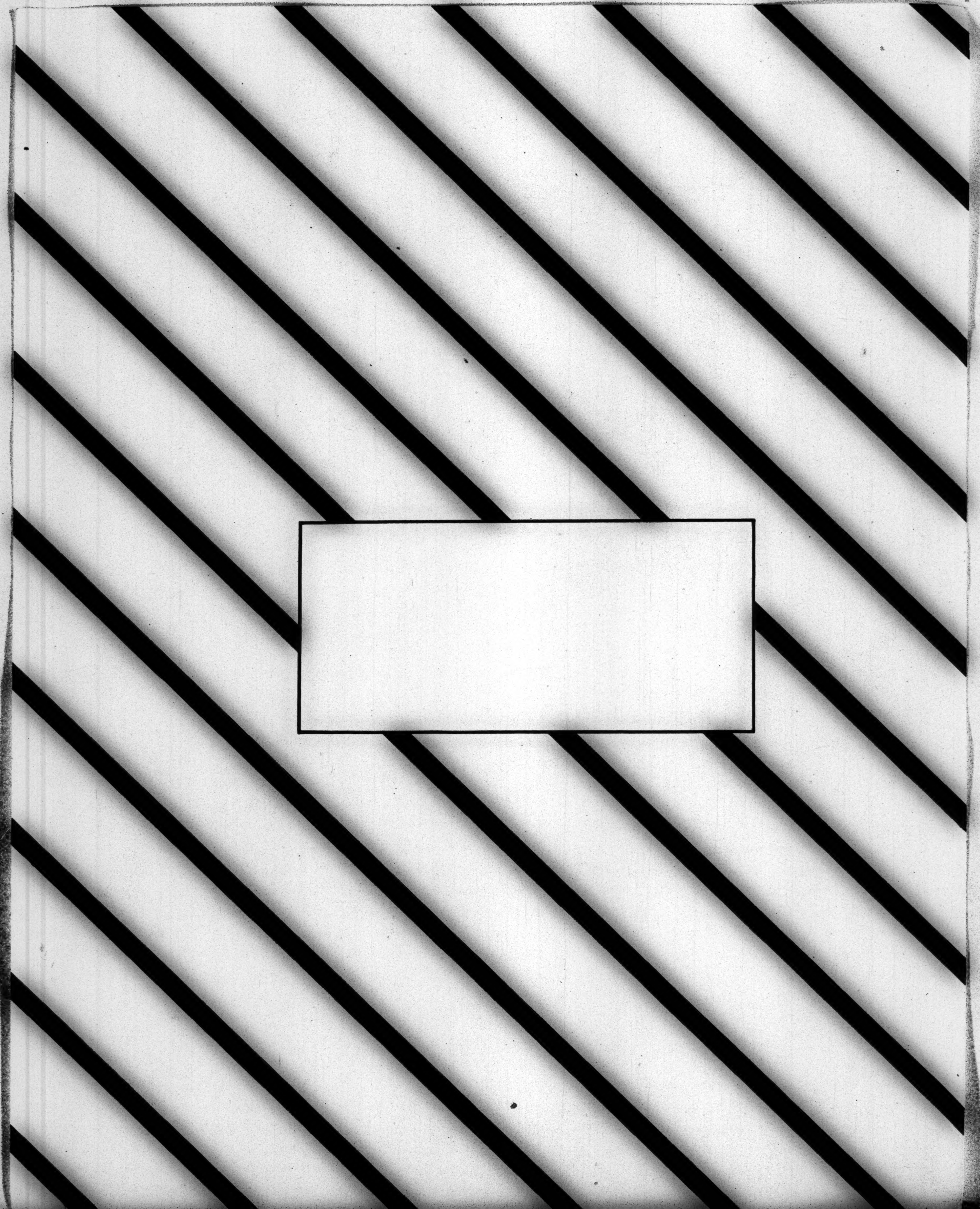
J. C. Rankin.

Washington

D.C.

May 9/93

67. Sends anniversary Hymn.



AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PAPERS

1816-1894

SERIES I

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

FLORIDA

1829 - 1892

A - Z

[illegible] April 24th 1829

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[Quincy, Rev. A. Benedict]

Quincy Feb. 23d 1829.

Rev. & dear Sir,

You have doubtless been apprised, that in the latter part of November last, I received a commission from your society to labor for the term of a year somewhere in the Territory of Florida. On receiving this commission I set sail for Charleston S. Carolina, where I arrived in about a week. Here I took the stage; and after stopping a few times by the way for the purposes of rest and friendship, reached the place of my destination in the former part of January.

My journey was, on the whole, pleasant to myself; and, as I am inclined to believe, profitable to others. I had opportunities of conversing with most of the crew of the vessel in which I sailed, and with many others while travelling by land; and these opportunities I endeavored to improve in calling up their attention to the nature and importance of personal religion. By means of the Tracts also, with which I was furnished by your assistant secretary, I was enabled, as I suppose, to do some good. It was gratifying to me, after forming a slight acquaintance with many persons, to be able, on parting from them, to put into their hands a tract, which I knew was exactly adapted to their character and circumstances; and it was also gratifying to have it in my power, wherever the stage changed horses or put up for the night, to distribute tracts among many, with whom it was impracticable for me to have any religious conversation. I am now, more than ever, convinced of the importance of tracts to the missionary. In my opinion, one can do as much good, in almost any field of labor, with tracts, as two can accomplish without them.

On reaching Tallahassee, I learned that the Rev. Mr Sikmon of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Mr Ken of the Duncan Independents, were in the vicinity; and that they embraced, in their field of labor, the whole district of Middle Florida. I immediately sought an interview with these gentlemen; and when the importance of [illegible] greater concentration of labor was urged, it was readily [illegible] and [illegible] that I should have Gadsden county as the sphere [illegible] operations. Accordingly I came back to Quincy the county [illegible] and have ever since been laboring within the limits of the county. I preach one sabbath at Attapulgus in the northern part of the county — two at Quincy in the centre — and one at Rocky Comfort in the southern extremity. The attention which is paid to a preached gospel, is, on the whole pleasing; and may, perhaps, be considered remarkable for such a new country. The number of my hearers varies from fifty to two hun ded; and during the exercises of public worship the strictest decorum is observed. In visiting the people, I endeavor to converse with them individually on the the concerns of their souls; and I am happy to have it in my power to distribute among them tracts, which appear admirably adapted to secure their attention and affect their hearts. It is also my practice, wherever I put up for the night, in performing the devotions of the family, to select some portion of scripture, which I think is adapted to their case, and to make it the ground ~~work~~ of a short [illegible] exhortation. In this way, I am enabled to reach many, with whom I should find it difficult, if not utterly impracticable, to converse in a personal manner.

Gadsden county is supposed to contain about four thousand inhabitants. Among these there are a number of professors of religion, belonging chiefly to the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches; but how many of each denomination I am, at present, unable to say. The Presbyterians have a house erected for public worship at Atapulgas; but it is a building of the very rudest construction - one might almost as well preach in the open air. The state of society in this county is considered much better than in the counties adjacent; yet here it is bad enough in all conscience - to me it appears truly deplorable. During my short residence at Quincy, there have been two ch[illegible] - one snapping pistol affair - one instance of caning in the public streets - two horse-races - one cold blooded and most atrocious murder - besides instances of gambling and intoxication too numerous to mention: Truly here is need for missionary exertion! If this be the most moral and peaceable community in Florida, what must the rest be? It should be recollected, however, that this is a new country, and, like all other new countries, the residence of men of daring minds, impatient of the restraints of society; and of very opposite feelings and habits and interests. A ch[illegible] for the better may be rationally expected to take pla[illegible] ere long.

[I am sorry to tell you, Sir, that in coming to Florida, I have been disappointed in almost all respects. I expected to find a mild, uniform, and delightful climate; instead of that, however, I have experienced cold the most intense, and changes the most sudden and severe. Never in my life have I been so chilled and pinched and frozen. As well might this climate be compared with that of Canada, as with that of Italy or the south of France. I expected to find very comfortable dwellings. This, however, has not been the case. During most of this trying winter, I have been lodged in buildings, which afforded me little protection from the rain, and much less from the piercing cold - buildings not near as comfortable as a northern barn or stable. I expected to find very decent living. The opposite, [illegible] however, has been the result of my experience. I have been compelled almost constantly to sit down at a table, which afforded me little that I could eat, and still less that I should have eaten. Hog, hog, hog!!! [illegible] you might see bacon - at the next chine - at the next sausage - at the next spare rib - at the next souse - at the next chuck - at the next stewed or boiled or baked pork - at the next - but the time would fail me to tell of all the ramifications of hog cooking in this country. To a dyspeptic and consumptive nothing can be more disgusting than the sight of such dishes. I expected to find much hospitality. I have, however, met with very little. Though I have been known to be a preacher of the gospel, I have been suffered to go to the tavern, and there spend my time among gamblers and drunkards and profane swearers. Still I have no doubt there is much hospitable feeling in the country, but the people have not the means to gratify it - they are not in circumstances to receive strangers into their dwellings. I expected to find much wealth in the country. On the contrary, poverty has stared me in the face at every step. It is hardly possible for a northerner to conceive how poorly the great mass of the people live. Their dwellings [illegible] not sufficient to protect them from the inclemency of the seasons; and [illegible] tables are destitute of most of those articles, which are deemed the necessaries of life. And this is not all. They are very generally in debt. Hereafter they may contribute something to the support of the gospel among themselves, but at present such a thing appears to be out of the question. In short, I expected to find living here very cheap. It is, however, quite the reverse. At Tallahassee a man cannot live so cheap as at Saratoga Springs; and this is the case almost all over the country. Here the seeming paradox is exhibited of a great scarcity of money, and, at the same time, of high charges for every thing. [illegible], independently of the purchase of a horse and tackling, have been unexpectedly great. This prompts me to [illegible] the enquiry, delicate as it may be, whether there would be any impropriety - since I came out in about the usual time, and since much of that time was occupied in promoting the grand object of the society - in making the date of my commission the starting point of my pay? Perhaps, however, this is not customary with you, and I have no wish to be treated singularly.

When I came to Florida it was my intention to fix my tents, and never think of a return. It may not be improper now to inform you, that I have since changed my determination. It is my intention to resign my commission, and leave the country on the first of May. The reasons which have brought me to this conclusion have already been hinted at. I cannot endure this fitful climate. My health has been injured by the miserable accommodations with which I am compelled to put up. There is too great a disproportion between my expenses and my income. Besides it is my intention soon to abandon the ministry altogether, and turn my attention to farming. Since I have little prospect of [illegible]

Yours &c A. Benedict,

Rev. A. Benedict, Quincy,
Gadsden Co. Florida, Feb 23.
1829. [illegible] quest rel-
ative to the date of his Com-
mission 25 — expects to leave
in May —

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Quincy F.
Feby 25th

To
The Rev. Absalom Peters
No 144 Nassau-Street
New-York

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Recd Mar 21. 1829

[BALL, DYER]

St. Augustine April 22d. 1830

The Rev. Dyer Ball has resided in this city upwards of a year, during which time he has been laboriously & successfully engaged ~~engaged~~ in preaching the gospel & instructing a large number of the youth of our place. We regret that he has formed the purpose of leaving us & we do most cordially recommend him as a valuable member of any community an exemplary disciple of the Lord Jesus & a worthy well instructed preacher of the gospel

Rev. Thomas Alexander
Rev. Alexander Aitkman
E B Gould
Tho. Douglas

A true copy

[Kerr, Rev. R. B.] [TALLAHASSEE]

Tallahassee April 1. 1830

Dear Brother

I lay before you, for the consideration of the Board of Directors of the "Home Missionary Society of New York," such facts as I am in possession of, and present myself ~~as~~ a candidate for a commission to missionate in this part of Middle Florida. It will be proper for me to go into a detail in my statement of facts, to enable the Board to judge as correctly as possible, of my pretentions.

I have been better than three years in the Ministry. I studied Theology under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, with the Revd C. G. McLean of Gettysburg Penn. I finished my studies about the time the Revd Messrs C. G. McLean & J. M. Duncan of Baltimore, withdrew, or were ejected, from the Synod of Philadelphia, and being satisfied to go and suffer with these two brethren, I applied to them for, and obtained license, in June 1826, to preach.

observe the numbers of the page

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Testimonials concerning Rev.
Dyer Ball, his ~~labours in~~ Shutesbury
in Florida — is acquainted
with Mr. Dickinson

933 April 22,
1830.

Alexander

~~Goodell~~

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2 In the fall of 1828 I was ordained by the Rev. J. M. Duncan, C. G. McLean, J. Chambers of Philadelphia and N. A. Dewitt, of McConnelsburg Pa. over a congregation which I had organized in the vicinity of Gettysburg. A rapid decline of health compelled me to seek the mild and balmy climate and air of Florida. I have been in this place better than a year. My health is much improved. The Academy in this place has been kept under my care by its Trustees. I have preached nearly every other Sabbath, since I have been in this place, in Magnolia, a port of Entry, 16 miles distant from here, and the rest of my time here and in Quincy, the seat of Justice of an adjoining County. ~~My~~ The arrangement of my time now is, two sabbaths out of four in this place, and the rest in Magnolia and a neighbourhood 10 miles N. of this.

I have organised a Church in this place: our discipline is the same as the discipline of the Independents in the Eastern States: we have 6 communicants and at present 3 or 4 persons who have attached themselves to us as seek-

(+. [illegible]) page 3.

-ers of religion. The prospect of doing good, of getting poor souls converted, is flattering. May the Redeemer's kingdom be set up in this ungodly city. O that I could have all my time to spend in preaching.

The people in the neighbourhood N. of this 10 miles wish to have a Church organized there to enjoy a regularly preached word and dispensed ordinances. The prospect in ~~Ma~~ Magnolia is not quite so flattering, yet it is somewhat. All the Missionaries that have been here since last winter was a year have gone, or are on the eve of going. Mr A. Benedict went last Spring. Mr A. Dickinson last fall, he is at present in St. Augustine, from ~~the last~~ his last letter I expect he will return to the north this Summer. And the Rev D. R. Preston starts for Kentucky in a day or two. This whole section of Country, I mean middle Florida, is destitute of a preached word, except by a few Methodists, myself and a Brother of mine, who has just finished his studies and lately arrived.

The proceeds of my school ~~again~~ are about $100 per An.

4 mon. Should I receive a commission my brother I expect will take charge of the Academy, and by this means what ministerial labour he can give, can be used to the best advantage in connexion with my own under your control.

The Church which I have organized in this place, together with several persons favourably disposed to the cause of the Redeemer, has subscribed about $100 for my support. $100, yea, 200 more could be raised here and in the other two places mentioned, if necessary. I ~~shall~~ do not want to receive a cent from any one for my ministerial labours, while I have charge of the Academy, although I am necessitated to teach to support myself and liquidate debts I contracted when passing through my studies.

Mr Aikman and myself arrived in this place about the same time. He was acquainted with my history, standing, &c. up to the time I left for last fall was a year, he having spent sometime in the Theological Seminary ~~the~~ ~~Summer~~ ~~of~~ in Gettysburg, the summer ~~I started~~ for this

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country. He and I, being connected last Summer in the in-stitution ~~lately commenced~~ of which I must have charge, he frequently importuned me to return to the presbyterian ranks, or at least accept a commission from the Board of Missions of the General Assembly. Finding me obstinate and determined to remain attached to the gentleman with whom I am connected, and knowing my circumstances and my wish to relinquish the occupation of a teacher, he proposed to me to write to your Board and procure a commis-sion for me. To this I had no objection, know-ing the catholick principles that have hereto-fore been acted on by this Society. We came to this understanding last fall when ~~Mr~~ Aik-man was starting for St. Marys and St. Augustine.

When he left me he promised, as soon as he arrived at St. Marys, he would write to your Board and take such measures as would justify me in making such a disposition of my school and other things, as would prepare me for the reception of a commission from your

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6 board, about Christmas. Sometime in the first of January, a Gentleman of this place whom Mr Aikman had authorised to receive and open any letters that should come for him, handed me a letter, written to Mr Aikman by the Secretary of the "Board of Missions of the General Assembly," in answer to Mr Aikman's request of them to furnish me with a commission for this part of Florida!

A copy of that letter you will find below duly attested, likewise a [illegible] copy of a certificate, from the elders of the Congregation over which I was ordained, respecting a matter which transpired about one year before I left Pennsylvania, which if heard of, and yet not presented in its true light, might, and ought to, injure my ministerial character and usefulness, Permit me here to add, in reference to this matter, that the Gentleman and lady with whom I board, both of whom are members of the Church I have organized, and the former an elder elected, but not yet ordained, are both from the section of country where the matter transpired and were living there at the time and that Mr Aikman was

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in the vicinity of the same place at the time and was fully acquainted with the whole matter.

Copy of the letter referred to,

"Office of the Board of Missions,
No. 112 S 8 St. Philadelphia Dec 22 1829

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 7th inst. has been laid before our Ex. Committee & I am directed in reply to inform you that ~~that~~ the appointment of Mr Kerr, under present circumstances would be altogether inconsistent with ~~with~~ those rules, by which we are uniformly governed in our Missionary appointments.

We think our imperative duty to the church will not permit us to commission any man who is not in regular connexion with [illegible] presbytery in connexion with the General Assembly — In addition to this, we are now in the habit of requiring the recommendation of a man as a missionary by two responsible clergymen —

Should Mr Kerr connect himself with some presby[illegible] then apply to us for an appointment — & should another brother join with you in recommending him — the way would then be prepared for the committee to grant the request — We feel deeply interested for [illegible], — & regret that we cannot consistently comply with your earnest request, — but I think you will be ~~satisfied~~, on reflection, with the cause we have felt ourselves constrained to accept in this and all similar cases.

The above is a true copy attest
by R. P. W. Sanky
Leander Kerr

Very respectfully yours &c

J. T. Russell Cor Sec

Copy of the Certificate referred to,

We the undersigned elders of the Fayetteville Union congregation, beg leave to state, to all whom it may concern, on behalf of the Rev. L. B. Kerr, our late pastor, that at his request the congregation appointed a committee to investigate an occurrence which was brought about last winter by his malicious and designing enemies and his want of due prudence, and that the committee acquitted him of all charges that were brought against him, and any thing that belonged to the matter, was indiscretion, but attributed the "circumstances under which it took place in extenuation."

signed J. [illegible]
G. Fuller
I. Foster

A true copy, attested by
R. P. W. Sanky

I have now laid before you all
~~Le~~ Kerr
the facts I am in possession of, you are to ~~[illegible]~~ judge of my pretentions, act accordingly.

[A Friend] [MAGNOLIA]

Had I been one of your remaining with Mama this winter I should have urged sister Ann to have accompanied ~~~~ us. How active she might have been here among the heathen: the Sabbath here is only regarded as a day of frolic; the stores are open all the morning; there is not a place of worship; nor school of any kind in the place. ~~Delia~~ My Daughter Delia, with myself, commenced a Sabbath School on the 13th March; we had but seven pupils; some of the parents told me in the presence of six or seven Children; when I requested their attendance, they might go if they had a mind to: the Children said, they did not want to know how to read: you can scarcely imagine a more savage place: one of the Children asked me, if God was a Black, or white Man: ~~they~~ she knew he was ugly, because he had made a Hell. Attempts have been made to erect a building for a Church, but in vain: the very few who care to have one, cannot afford the expense; and say if we had a Church; we could not support a Minister: I think it would be well if the Missionary Societies; looked to such little settlements; and furnished them with a Minister; as no part of Hindostan; needs one more than this does.

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Extract of a Copy of a letter from a Lady in Magnolia Florida. to her Sister in Providence R I.

April 27th 1831. dated Magnolia Florida

I would refer to the Rev. J. Knox. D.D. of your City for any further information relating to my ~~character~~, qualifications &c. I believe I have preached once or twice in his presence I am from the same County from whence he is in Penn. I became acquainted with him while I was studying under Mr McLean.

Rev. P. D. Hoor ~~[illegible]~~ Tallahassee Florida April 1. 1830.
Application for an appointment

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Ab. Peters
Corresp Secretary
of the A. H. M. Society
New York
No 144 Nassau St

Single Sheet

I assign to you now, in the presence of my Master as my only reason for presenting myself a candidate before your Commission, is that I may be more generally and usefully engaged in the Cause of my dear Master.
God willing, I will visit the north next summer & again if I do desire be in New York

Your brother, and unworthy in the common Saviour,
R [illegible]

[Ball, Rev. Dyer]

Tallahassee June 14th 1831

To the Rev. A Peters,

Rev & dear Sir

I drop you a hasty line by the opportunity which now offers itself. We had a very pleasant tour through the southern states to this place. We were out a little short of six weeks from New York. The 2,000 pages of tracts which I took from your office we distributed on the way. I could have distributed many thousand pages more if we had had them. They were very eagerly received. Some we found in the [illegible] places of the South who had never ~~[illegible]~~ seen a tract before. I expect to stop in this place for the season. I am agreeably disappointed in the religious prospect of things. They are much more encouraging than I anticipated.

I was informed when I was in your office that the American Tract Society had promised to furnish each of your Missionaries with 5,000 pages of tracts. I am in want of tracts. There are some here, but they are principally on

Extract of a letter from a lady in
Magnolia, Florida to her sister in
Providence R.I. describing the place —

A friend 1674 April 27,
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intemperance - I have a most excellent opportunity to distribute tracts I can most daily send them into the country. If the society could furnish me with that number or most any number of tracts I can easily get rid of them - We shall probably commence the monthly distribution of tracts here in the course of the season - We are now engaged in some other benevolent plans - & when we get them started & well on the way, we shall turn to the tract cause, I hope, & then form a society &c &c

I inclose two dollars, one of which is for your publication [illegible] I would thank you to forward me by mail & the other dollar for an assortment of children tracts. which Mrs Ball wants for the use of her day school - I would thank the tract society to put them in the bundle which they send me if they think best to send me some - There will be an opportunity to send them by the return of the Tallahassee - I am

Dear Sir
in much haste Your obt Servt,

Rev A Peters

D Ball

[Ball, Dyer]

Tallahassee Nov. 29th 1831

Rev & Dear Sir,

I now take my pen to fill out the report of my second quarter labor in this place. & It will prove a quite different report from what I anticipated at the commencement of it— I wrote you in my last that the Chill & Fever as it is here called prevailed very extensively in the city & the adjacent country— During September & October this disease with the ague & fever became more general so much so that hardly a white person can now say that he has escaped a slight attack at least— I was taken about the 3d of Sept with the chill & fever & confined to my room, & much of the time to my bed for 5 or 6 weeks; afterward I began to mend & was about a week or so, when I took a relapse & was again confined to my room ~~again~~ — after I recovered from this I was taken with the ague

Rev. Dayer [illegible] Ball Tallahassee
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he finds the [illegible] prospects much
more favorable [illegible] than he anticipated
in want of Tracts — sends one
Dollr for Children's Tracts

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To the Rev A. Peters
Cor. Sec. A.H.M
No. 144 Nassau St.
New York

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and fever, & this did not leave me till a fort night since — I am now regaining my health quite [illegible] — I intended to preach in ~~th~~ the place [illegible] Sabbath but as it was a cold [illegible] [illegible]ght it not best to go out — I have made an appointment to preach in the country next Sabbath

From this brief Statement you will perceive that I have done but little in a public way this quarter — I have however visited considerable — Whenever I was able I have called on the sick & others & endeavored to do something for the cause of our Savior in personal religious conversation — I have also distributed quite a number of tracts in these visits and at other times.

I have also attended several funerals & this has been annoying to me probably — for I been called upon at very bad times of the day sometimes in the heat of the day at others quite late in the evening & I have always gone if I were able to mount a horse with assistance — Our religious meetings have been for the most part

entirely suspended — the Methodist clergyman has been able to preach but a few times, & when he did preach, very few indeed attended — Our Sabbath School has been nearly broken up — much of the time but one teacher was able to attend & most of the Scholars were sick —
This affliction which has been so general amongst us, will not I trust be without its good effects In my visits I have found a few individuals who have been brought to think seriously on their condition by nature & some few of these appear to be under deep conviction of Sin Some professors appear to be Spiritually benefitted by this visitation — Pray for us, Dear Sir, Pray that the Spirit of God may descend upon us & that all may say with David It is good that I have been afflicted —

I shall draw a draft on the Society next mail in favor of Lewis Tappan, I do not know as you will see fit to accept it as I have been able to do so little this quarter — I observe that ~~that~~ I am in need of it, & if it is not wholly against your regulations I hope you will grant this favor —

Yours most sincerely
D Ball

P.S. Mrs Ball & our little child have been afflicted in the same way as I have been though not quite so long. D Ball

[Ball]

Mr Abm Peters   Waukeenah Florida March 2d 1832

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 10th January was received at a time when indisposition prevented attention to its subject. It was not until the 13th Ulto that I could leave my house, which is 20 miles east of Tallahassee.

Of the Revd Mr Ball I knew nothing more, than that such a person had been in Tallahassee. And from the fact that his Missionary zeal had never induced him to pay our neighbourhood a visit, I had supposed he had left the Territory. I went to Tallahassee last week, & took the earliest opportunity of making the enquiries suggested in your letter. The result you have in the enclosed communication from the two most intelligent, & zealous members of our Church, residing in Tallahassee. Mr Perkins & Mr Hayes are both northern Men; & the latter was formerly a Presbyterian Minister; & compelled to desist from preaching, as I am informed, by becoming very deaf. I feel the utmost confidence in the fidelity of their representations as to Mr Ball; & I think them both well qualified to decide upon his merits. These communications are of course made in perfect confidence; & I rely that the names of the gentleman are not to be exposed to Mr Ball—

May we indulge the hope that your Board will feel for our destitute situation, & send us Missionaries who can, & will, under God, help to build up a Church amongst us. There is room for at least three Ministers in Middle Florida, at this moment— & we will want many more in a short time.

Rev. Dyer Ball Tallahassee
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To the
Rev Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A.H.M.S.
144 Nassau St
New York
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But I take the liberty of saying that ordinary men will not effect the object. The more ignorant class of our population, if they join any, will belong to the Methodist & Baptist Churches. And those who may be reckoned upon as probable future members of the Presbyterian or Episcopal Churches, are people of taste & intelligence; such as would adorn the society of your great City. No new State or Territory has been settled with such a class of Emigrants as we have in Middle Florida. Men of ordinary talents I say will do no good; & if the Presbyterian Church will not send to us proper men, the Episcopal Church will. The importance of gaining an early & solid footing for presbyterianism in Florida, is not sufficiently appreciated by the General Assembly. We will have a very richly endowed fund for public education — our University lands would now sell for $200,000; & one 36th part of the lands in the Territory are appropriated to the support of Common Schools. As yet, we have neither University, nor common schools. But to whose management & direction shall the future disbursements of this fund, & education of this population, be committed? Will the Presbyterian Church surrender it to the Baptists & Methodists? The question whether answered or not, will very soon be decided. & it behooves the Church to think of it.

Mr Bragge, the Episcopal Minister mentioned in the enclosed, is a gentleman of talent & fine manners. He will build up a church. If we had a presbyterian preacher of equal merits, we could start upon fair & friendly terms with him. As the Members of neither church are yet numerous, our plan, for the present will be, to have a common congregation in Tallahassee, & in two country neighborhoods — The two preachers to officiate alternately in Tallahassee & in the Country — Until increased population, or decided election of one or other church by the present population, will enable us to act seperately. At present there are probably not forty persons in Tallahaſsee, or in the Country Neighbourhood alluded to, who are members of either of the two churches. But if there is to be only One good preacher, the new Members will join his Church. Feeling aſsured that these suggestions will be received in the spirit which prompted them I am

Very respectfully
Your Mo. Ob. St
John G Gamble

[Perkin, E. B.]

Tallahassee Aug 3d 1832

Revd Absolom Peters,

D Sir,

I have only time to write a line to introduce to you my friend neighbour Mr R. B. Bell — I wrote to you some days since urging our claims to your favorable notice. Mr Bell can more fully explain our situation to you — He is one of the few among us who know the value of religion & are willing to support it — We can undoubtedly support a clergyman possessing the qualifications required here. & I hope when we get such an one we shall feel able to erect a house of worship — We are at present the only Capital, I believe, in the U. S. without a decent Church — The Methodist have indeed a miserable shell without ceiling windows — or pews, & even that cost the joint efforts of sects in Town — Hoping soon to have a favorable report from you

I am truly Yours

E B Perkins

Col. J. G. [illegible] Gamble Wauk
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enclosing [illegible] letter from Mr. P
concerning [illegible] D. Ball

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Absalom Peters Esqr.
Cor. Sect. of A. H. M. Society
New York

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[Perkins E. B.]

Tallahassee Florida July 10. 1832

Revd Absolom Peters,

Dr Sir,

I have several times endeavoured through my friend Mr Benj Tappan to call the attention of the A H M Society to the spiritual wants of these desolate ends of the earth— I have been induced to employ the agency of Mr Tappan to avoid giving offence to the Revd Mr Ball— the Missionary you sent us a little more than a year since— I entirely esteem Mr Ball as a man of piety & am on most friendly terms with him yet the urgency of our case is such that I cannot feel it consistent with duty longer to delay a direct application to your Society— Col Gamble received a letter from you some time since which he immediately answered— he supposed his letter would have satisfied you of the inexpediency of continuing Mr B. here; but as he has since heard nothing from you— we fear either that his letter was not received— or was not satisfactory— Mr Ball does not possess the talents nor manners required in a clergyman, at so important a station as this— & I fear his continuance here is not merely useless, but positively injurious. But very few of the people of this city & its neighbourhood are willing to hear him— & the house is consequently nearly empty, whenever he preaches here— which is once in two weeks— On the last Sabbath, tho' a pleasant

E. B. Perkins Aug. 1832.
Florida

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Revd Absolom Peters
Cor. Secy A H M S.
New York

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day there were but 18 adults in the house & most of them at-
-tended either from motives of tenderness to his feelings or from
sectarian prejudices— He has now entered on a second
year & there is not & will not be a solitary cent subscribed
for his support— He has a flourishing school & that will
doubtless afford him the means of comfortable living— A
circumstance of recent occurrence will strongly show to you
the feelings of his best friends in regard to the value of his
ministerial labours— For some months there has been an
anxious desire among those who are attached to the Pres-
-byterian form of worship determined to organise a church
here— About five months since a meeting was held to
consult on the subject— A committee was appointed to
consider & report on its expediency— They have decided
that it is not at present expedient— & the principal
reasons for this decision are 1st that it is not advisable
to organise a church without a pastor— & 2d that in the
present state of feeling towards Mr B— it would not be
prudent to place a church under his care, or even to
form it under his auspices— Three of the committee
are personally friendly to B— & the other (who resides in the coun-
-try) entertains no feelings of unkindness towards him. From this fact
you may judge whether Mr B's further continuance here can be
useful— Were we to form a church—(which we are very anxious to
do) it would consist of twenty or more members— Our situation
is exceedingly distressing— We are anxious to enjoy the benefits
of Christian Ordinances in the way which is most agreeable
to our feelings— & to possess the services of an able, zealous
& pious clergyman, whom we feel able & willing to pay —

If such an one (without family) be [illegible] I will be responsible for his support one year & as much longer as I am blessed with the ability— But while Mr B remains here— no other clergyman will feel at liberty to visit us— A young gentleman, very highly recommended, (the Revd Mr Smith) was some time since assigned to this station by the Assembly's Board, but stopped in Charleston in consequence of hearing that Mr B. was here— Hence has accepted the call of a church there— Were we to organize a church— Mr B— would be considered its pastor & thus effectual prevent any other clergyman from coming among us— The subject has been mentioned to him & he says he should not expect to have charge of the church— yet we could not avoid asking him to preach & administer the ordinances &c— & that would make him in fa[illegible] pastor— & it would be so considered abroad— — [illegible] written to Doct Porter of Andover— & some friend in Boston— & trust that through them or your means a suitable missionary can be found— If such an one be sent you may rely on our supporting him & there is no doubt we could soon form a church & erect a comfortable house of worship— We have none of any description now— except a miserable shell occupied by the Methodists— — I shall be happy to hear from you when convenient & trust you will send us a message to gladden our hearts— — You will probably recollect our old college acquaintance— The late

[Ball, D.]

Tallahassee March 1st 1832

Rev. & Dear Sir,

My health which was suffering very much, when I last wrote you is nearly or quite restored - & it has been such for the past quarter that I have been able to preach once at least on every Sabbath in the city or in the country unless prevented by some peculiar circumstances.

Early in January the Rev. Mr Bragg an Episcopal Missionary from the north arrived in this place - And as there is but one place for publick worship in the city beside the methodists which is used exclusively by them, we mutually agreed to occupy it alternately together

I heartily rejoice that we are favoured with the labours of a brother as pious & devoted as Mr Bragg appears to be - Although he belongs to

time I had the pleasure of seeing you was at my office
in Pomfret, Connect. I have since then been compelled to re-
-linquish my profession & abandon a lucrative business & use-
-ful situation in consequence of ill-health & have finally been
compelled to try a Southern climate. My health has become
good & my new business (Druggist) very good — please re-
-member me affectionately to my old friend & classmate, Dr.
Mison — & believe me sincerely Yours E. B. Perkins

E. B. Per[redacted] Tallahassee, Florida
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want of minister & Mr. Ball
is not the P. Office to sup-
port a if he is of the
right stamp

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Revd Absolom Peters
Secretary of A H M Society
142 Nassau
New York
Mr Lloyd

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I have written in much haste, but Mr Lloyd, an excellent & pious young man — can give you full information in regard to our situation &c.

a different denomination I esteem him a kind & affectionate brother in our Savior Jesus Christ - Laying aside all party & sectarian feelings he is ready to engage in any benevolent enterprise which has the glory of the Redeemer & the good of souls for its object - Our Methodist brother seems to be actuated by like kind & benevolent feelings & by our united effort we shall be able I trust to carry into operation some plans which have in part been matured - Among these will be I hope the monthly distribution of Tracts & supplying the destitute families in this County (Leon) with bibles — If the Lord will we shall be able to organize a presbyterian church in this city in a few weeks Some measures were taken for effecting this object before the sickness of last summer but they were soon suspended - In quite early part of this year we lost by death a valuable citizen & Physician Dr. Ed. Aiken - He was one of the most respected & substantial professors in the place - This dispensation of divine providence for a while damped our feelings respecting establishing a church - Of late however something has been

said upon the subject & although there are
difficulties ~~are~~ in the way, which is by no means a
strange thing in such a new state of ~~things~~ Society as
this. yet I hope they will be removed & we shall
see our way clear & soon be blessed with the enjoy-
ment of the peculiar privileges of an organized
christian Church

I have given a draft on you in favor of Dr Amos
G. Hull, (New York) for my quarterly payment

With much Respect I am
Dear Sir,
Your humble Obt
D Ball

To Rev A Peters Cor. Sec A.H.M.S.

[Savage, Rev. John]

Tallahassee January 4: 1833—

To the Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.

Rev. & Dear Sir.

It is now three months since I
commenced my tour for this place, though from unavoidable
2 detention, & the distance, I have been here but two months.
C When I arrived, I learned that the Rev. Messrs. Stiles; & H. & N.
Pratt of Geo. Presbytery had left here the day before. They
held a four days meeting, which was well attended, & with
some good effect, & organised a church in part (i.e.) they had
communion but appointed no Elders, & adopted no covenant except
verbally. The church consists of 17 members, 10 of whom live
in Tallahassee, the others from 10 to more than 50 miles
distant. The Rev. Mr. Ball, who is teaching here, & the
Rev. Mr. Alexander, who is in bad health living on a
plantation 50 miles from here were of the number.— We have
two male members here. There are a number here who will
support the Pres. Ch. if any church. There is beside an
Epis. church of 12 or 15 members, now destitute of a minister
the Rev. Mr. Bragg having left this week. He is
a good man, evangelical.— The Methodist have 50, or
60 members, been destitute of preaching three weeks &
will be two or three longer.—

Many of the people here are enlightened, intelligent, &
enterprising. They are from all the States in the Union
with all the peculiarities & notions of each.— Sabbath-
breaking; profanity; intemperance; horse-racing; gambling;
dancing &c &c. are open & unblushing.— But few attend
meeting on the Sab. & fewer still in the week.— Since
I came here we have been much interrupted about our
meetings, as we have no house of worship, & no place except
a room hired for a court-room, occupied half the time
by the Epis.ns We have it now to ourselves & shall in
future unless the Epis. Ch. obtain a minister.— The
people have been accustomed to have public worship
but once on the Sab. till recently. My present ar-
rangement is to preach twice, & attend Sab. School. wh
is small, & Bible Class; & two lectures in the week, &
Monthly Concert, & other prayer-meetings occasionally.—
Hardly any thing has been done here to get things in a
regular train. It will require time, & patience & wisdom to
get matters arranged & then persevering effort to succeed.

Rev. Dyer
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To the
Rev. Absalom Peters Cor. Sec. A.H.M.S.
144 Nassau Street
New York
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It is in short a hard place; still I believe good may done, & a church built up. — It is of very great importance. The nearest Pres. Ch. is, (St Augustine) 240 miles. The country is new, & the population increasing & the habits forming. There are several important places wh. have no preaching of any kind that might be occupied. Appalachacola next in importance to this would be an interesting field. This Territory ought not to be overlook even though it is not included in the great valley. — Thousand are growing up in ignorance & sin. — But I will say more on this subject at a future time. I hope Mr. Peters will come this way in his tour. —

It is painful for me to say any thing of money matters, nor do I mean to complain of the society's operations; but I find myself compelled to explain my situation. — From the conversation I had with the Rev. Mr. Peters, when I engaged to come here, I understood that the Soc. would give me $400, & all that I should receive here beside, over & above the $400. & if I could not get enough ~~to sup~~ for a support that the Soc. would even give more to support the miss. for one year. I then supposed that this liberal offer was made in consideration of the distance, the expense of living here, & the difficulty of getting labourers to come to this climate. Under these impressions I made my arrangements, & left home, nor did I understand it differently till I received my commission the day we were ready to put to sea. — I had then no time for deliberation or for altering my plans, & so I determined to proceed to this place & see what could be done, & trust the Lord for a living. — Now I am here & I intend (if the Lord will.) to stay awh~~ile~~ if I beg for bread. — It cost me & my family to get here $150, — 50 I received as outfit. — Board is $15. to 25, per month for each. Rent for a single room in the poorest log cabin $36. per annum. In a decent house a room $60 to 100 per annum. Two rooms to accommodate a small family $150 to 200. Flour $10. Barrel & other provisions nearly all accordingly — Clothing 50 or 100 per cent. higher than in N. York. It will cost as much or more here to live than it does in N. Y. & I have no ~~Dep~~endance but my salary.

Should I attempt to teach here such is the state of feeling it would destroy my influence as a minister.—

This year we wish to build a church, which appears to be essential to our existance as a people; so that I cannot expect to receive much here certainly not more than I shall need over $400, unless we relinquish building a house, & if that is done the mission will be of little use.— From the terms of my commission I can receive nothing from this people, & can have aid from no other quarter only by deducting it from the $400, which the Socity pledge. The people here cannot in the present circumstances raise $400 & from the terms of my commission I can receive no more. Can I deduct $100 for travelling expenses, & support myself & wife & child on it?— "I speak as unto wise men judge ye what I say."— If I cannot I must ask you either to make such alterations in my commission as shall sustain the mission for a year & try what can be done for this people or to accept my resignation, that I may look elsewhere for aid.— I think if a church can be built here this year, (& we shall need help for that,) by the blessing of God, but little assistance will be required afterwards.—

We shall have communion & probably some additions Sab. after next.— Pray for us.— Write soon that I may know what dependence to place on the Socity. May all your labours be crowned with a blessing.

Yours in the fellowship of the gospel
Amos Savage Jun—

P.S. Please send your Report & other papers if you please to Mr. John Parkhill. Post master Tuscawilla it will do good.—

If there are any copies of the A. Temperance Report for gratuitous distribution let one be sent to each of the following members of the Legislative council now in session, before the 1st of Feb. directed to Tallahassee.—

Benjamin D. Wright.— Thomas Blount.— Joh. P. Booth
Richard J. Crumpton.— Peter W. Gautier Jr.—
Joseph McBride— Banks Meacham.— Thom. M. Bradford
George T. Ward.— Abraham Bellamy.— James Bell.—
Gabriel Priest,— James G. Cooper.— John Warren.—
Joseph L. Smith.— James Ris.— One name I dont know— Member of the Legislative council from Monroe.—

There is nothing done for temperance in the Territory—

[Savage, H.]

Tallahassee [illegible] 3d. 1855 –

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[illegible] the Rev. Mr. Peters [illegible]

Dear Sir,

[illegible] happy to introduce to your acquaintance Mr. John Atwater, who is a member of our infant church, a subject of the revival here. – He was a fellow passenger with me to this place & at that time a N. York infidel a follower of R. D. Owen. He is now I think a sincere christian. – He can tell you much about us that I cannot write. – I sent my report the first of April, I shall send again I think, week as that will close my first six months. I have given a draft for $100 in Rev. S. Atkins's name (Utica) I did hope to get along without drawing for the whole amount pledged me, I still intend to if I can, but as we are now making arrangements for building a c[illegible] of

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Rev. Absalom Pe[illegible]
No. 144 Nassau St.
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my support from the North. I have not yet received any money from the people here but have received a part of my board to [illegible] about $80, — & to encourage the [illegible] [illegible] that th[illegible] [illegible] to a Ward, & it [illegible] like [illegible] & I [illegible] my name for $50. & now I think it [illegible]. — I sometimes think my [illegible] is very doubtful. To be plain I am not popular with those who countenance the publick vices of the day. — I have endeavored to act as prudently as I could, & not sacrifice truth; — but Mr. Atwater, & Mr. R. Halsey, of N.Y. Pearl Street No. 382. can tell you much more. —

I want your prayers & your counsels. — I shall be ready to leave here whenever it appears to be duty or to stay as long as it appears to be duty. — We need very much some missionaries in this Territory to go out on circuits that might be formed. But if possible get good Southern men. — The prejudices against any thing northern are strong & even good people partake of them. — Your Correspondent Col. Gamble can hardly be made to [illegible] any thing which is not Virginian. I dare

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[SAVAGE]

Tallahassee June 8th 1833

To the Corresponding Secretary
of the Home Missionary Society
Dear Sir

The Church of Tallahassee of which the Revd Mr A Savage has had the Charge, taking into Consideration the destitute State of this Section of Country as regards the preaching of the Gospel and the means of Grace; and also the necessity of having a house of Worship in Tallahassee and being unable of themselves to erect one; And taking into Consideration also the limited prospect of doing good here during the summer months, and believing that he can more effectually serve the Church, by a visit to our Brethren of the North; have with the Consent of our said Brother Savage deemed it expedient to send him as their agent among our said Bretheren of the North to endeavour to excite an interest in their behalf, and in behalf of the destitute thousands around us, and for the purpose of procuring funds to aid us in building

Rev. A[illegible]avage, Tallahasse[illegible]orida May 3. 1833 [illegible] Dft.

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Rev. A. Peters Cor. Sec. A.H.M.S.
No 150 Nassau St.
N. Y.

By Mr. Atwater }

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a house of Worship for the use of their Church in Tallahassee.

We the undersigned a Committee of said Church appointed for that purpose would recommend our said Brother to your Society and through them to the Christian Community at Large, and earnestly request that he may be zealously aided and supported in his efforts to procure more labourers to come into this destitute part of the Lords Vineyard; in his efforts to procure funds to aid us in building a Church, and whatever else he may undertake to do in reference to our Territory among you

Yours with Christian affection

Jas. S. Linn
David C Wilson

[Sawyer, E. B.]

Tallahassee June 10th 1833

Rev. Absalom Peters,
Cor. Secy. A. H. M. S.

Dear Sir,

You will doubtless be surprised at Mr Sawyer's return before the expiration of that year [illegible] & so when you learn that it is on the request of the Church. He will explain to you the reasons which induced to this course, but which had been entirely contrary to my own wishes. I will state in few words my feelings in regard to it. I feel it the more especially necessary as I was particularly importunate with you to send us a clergyman & gave some pledges for his support. You know the history of the formation of our Church, the protracted meeting held by Mr Baker, the increase of our numbers & the apparently prosperous condition in which we were. We had indeed been exceedingly blessed. Never looking [illegible] to [illegible] we were called to still greater [illegible] which have shaken the Church to nearly its foundations. The prosperity of the Church was [illegible] jealously watched [illegible] opposed by the machinations of Satan, whom the deluded [illegible] a time were eagerly watching every opportunity to hinder their [illegible] standard. Mr Sawyer's plan

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To

The Secretary of the Home
Missionary Society
New York

Jas S Simm
June 8. 1833
Tallahassee Florida

pointed mode of illustrating truth & reproving vice was new to such an audience as is found in this place & many, who manifested no open hostility, were evidently glad of a chance to excite a clamour against him. This opportunity was offered a few weeks since on our attempting to form a temperance Society. A large public meeting was called the evening after our attempt to organise a society, in which the most violent language was used & a set of resolutions of the most intemperate character adopted. They were chiefly aimed at Mr S & me & [illegible] pretty faithfully acted upon. The Church was alarmed, & almost every individual forsook us & many not satisfied with forsaking gave countenance to the clamour. Mr Savage's situation of course became extremely unpleasant, & his prospects of usefulness much diminished. I have no doubt if the Church had stood by him, he would have overcome all opposition & eventually [illegible] the [illegible] of his preaching - but many of the members were timid & thought it most wise to endeavour to make peace with the world & they have strong southern prejudices. [illegible] whether a northern man can do good at the South - & I fear

would be glad to exchange Mr S— for a prophet
of smooth things — — Tho' I am well persuaded
the church can sustain him & meet every expense
necessary for the support of the Gospel — yet
in the present state of feeling I am satisfied
Mr S— has done better to return — — As I spec-
-ied something for the support of a clergyman
I am anxious you should understand — that
Mr S— has not failed of a support from any
unwillingness on my part to redeem my pledges —
You will recollect they were made on condition
of an unmarried man being sent, whom I could
take into my family — But on this subject
I will simply refer you to him — & State
will satisfy you — that as far as my ability
be permitted — I shall not forget my en-
-gagements — — with my sincere prayers that
the blessing of God may rest on you &
on your Society I am Sincerely Yours

C B Perkins

[BRINSMADE] [ ]

Tallahassee January 4th 1834

To The Revd A Peters.

Dear Sir

I have been requested by the members of the Presbyterian Church here to implore the aid of the Society of which you are the Cor: Secretary in the support of the Minister now laboring among us for the present year.

After many unsuccessful efforts we have at length succeeded in getting the Revd H. N. Brinsmade to preach to us, who will likely continue as long as we can support him. And without the aid of some such Society as yours we fear that will not be long. The Church here are poor, and having no house of worship are endeavoring to build one, And it will be impossible for us to support a minister and build a Church without foreign aid.

If your Society can give Mr Brinsmade $400 pr. annum we can make up the balance of his support and still go on with our church. Mr B is a married man and cannot live here on $400:

If we could get 7 or 8 hundred dollars to aid in our building we can support a minister ourselves.

We most earnestly hope that your Society will give all the aid in their power or that we may need. And surely our appeal will not be in vain when we inform you that Mr B. is the only minister of our denomination (except one whose health does not permit him to preach) within 200 miles

E B Perkins
June 10 1833
Tallahassee Florida

Rev Absalom Peters
Cor. Secy. A. H. M. S.
New York
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of this place, and the only Ordained Minister of any denomination (except a few local methodists scattered over the County) in all this region. That this is the Centre of influence of our Whole Territory.

That thousands are perishing around us in their Sins. & That many are ready to receive with open arms a Minister but are not able to support one. In view of all this, will you not aid us.

Oh. Sir send us not only your money but, send up to throne of the Blessed Redeemer your prayers in our behalf. and in behalf of All this Southern Country, That the Lord ~~would~~ would send to all the word of life and the means of grace, And pour out his Spirit and revive his work until all this Country shall become as the garden of the Lord.

The Rev. Mr B. Commenced his labours with us about the 25th Decr. last. And his pay ought to Commence from that time.

Please inform us as soon as practicable what you can do for us.

Yours in the Bonds of Christian Charity

Jas: S. Linn

Jas. S. Linn — Talahassee
(Flor.) — Jany. 4th 1834

Application for $400. aid in
support of Rev. H. N. Brinsmade
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The Revd. Absalom Peters

Cor: Sec: H. Mis: Society

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[Baldwin, Theron]AHMS]

Jacksonville Feb 15 1843

Dear Sir

When in N York a few months since I was informed by Rev Milton Badger Sec A.H.M.S. that a certain claim which they held against Gov Duncan was in your hands for settlement – While I was Agent of A.H.M.S. for this State that indebtedness of Gov D. to the Soc was contracted – I had $800 to remit & I paid it over to Gov D & he gave me Mr Huntington's Note – I was very much surprised to learn that this matter had never been settled – I told Mr Badger that I should if possible see Gov D. – not because the claim was not in the best of hands but because I had always felt peculiar responsibility with regard to that matter – So I called on the Gov the other day & talked the matter all over – It seems that in consequence of the very recent judgment that has gone against him in the U.S. Court – any thing like money is doubly out of the question – He told me what you had done in the case – & that he could turn out property in town that would be available — i.e. so far as rent is concerned. I told him the Soc was in want & that the property which would be soonest available would be most valuable — He seemed willing to give the Soc preference in this respect — Would it not be well to have such property secured to the Soc at once? — You will excuse me for mentioning this subject — I have felt very bad about their failure to pay as it occurred under my Agency —

Very Respectfully Yours

Theron Baldwin

Rev. T. Baldwin to Smith
& Hardin Jacksonville Ill.
Feb. 15. 1833 relative to
claim on Gov. Duncan –

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D. A. Smith Esqr.
Jacksonville

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[Dickinson, Rev. Charles]

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Apalachicola April 14th 1846

Dear Brother

I wish I had something to communicate to you in this second report which would gladden your heart and cause you to rejoice, as angels rejoice over repenting sinners: but I have not. Indeed I sometimes feel as if my labors were in vain and that I am drawing upon the treasury of your society money which ought to be appropriated somewhere else And yet I try to be faithful & to sow the seed as a husbandman of our Master, alas for the fruits. I know of no soul who has been savingly benefited, by my preaching in this place. And yet I think I can say what is remarked by many that a "great change" has taken place. Externally there has been a decided improvement. There is not so much flagrant Sabbath breaking - the people attend church more generally & more uniformally - they seem to think that religious institutions are a good thing for any community the fighting for which this place has been so notorious is done away and the cause of temperance has succeeded well. We now number nearly 400 (I stated 358 in my statistical report but we have had one meeting since when several more joined) nearly half of this number would get intoxicated quite often & many of them were confirmed drunkards - & many have joined who spent from 3 to 15 dollars per week at the bar - some of them have been notorious for their fights with pistols & knives, all of whom appear good & true to the pledge. Beside this Society the Irish have formed one numbering about 80 & the blacks one numering about 50. The burden of this temperance move fell upon myself in the outset, but as some lawyers have joined I have am relieved in some measure. So then, so far as these outward changes have occurred, something has been done. But oh for a work of grace, this is what we want & what I hope some are praying for. Whether it will be best for us to continue our efforts here another season I am unable to give an opinion for the present. All has not been accomplished wh I anticipated when I consented to come here. What is best to do further, we shall be better able to decide at the close of the season when we shall probably see you in N York.

A very good man has recently come among us, who says he is acquainted with you. His name is Davenport & belongs to Mr Lewis church Brooklin

He appears to be one of those christians who is not ashamed to let his light shine when he comes into a dark place like this.

I do not know that I have any thing farther to communicate.

Yours in the gospel of Xt.
Chas H Dickinson

If agreeable you may ~~send~~ draw a draft ($75) for this quarter in favor of my brother Noah Dickinson, Haddam Con. as I still owe him for money borrowed, and oblige

Yours &c Chas. Dickinson

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Rev. Milton Badger D.D.
150 Nassau Street
New York.

Rev. Chas. [illegible] Dickinson
Apalachicola Fla. April 14,
1846. — Report.
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Entered to N. Dickinson.
$75.

Ansd

[Pierson, George]

Florida Augt 30th 1856

The Revd David B. Coe

Dear Brother,

Can you or some one whom you may select present the subject of Home Missions, & take up a collection in my chh on the second sabbath of Sepr? I name the 2d sabbath of the month, as I am appointed by Presby to supply a vacant, feeble chh on that day. Please write so that I may be able to give the proper notice to my people on the previous sabbath. Shd you accede to my proposal, come to my house.

Fraternally yours &c.

George Pierson.

Rev. Geo. Pierson, Florida,
Aug. 30 of ~~57~~ 1856.
Can one of the Secretaries
preach for him

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Ans

[Baldwin, George C.]

[MAGNOLIA]

Magnolia Fla. Jany 13th 1858

Dear Sir

When I requested you to pay over to the Am Board $40 - out of the money you received for the Coupons - I supposed the paper I left with Mr Merwin would realize less than I am now informed it will - I have therefore to request you to pay $15 - instead of $40 to the Am Board - That sum will make the amt - I designed for that Society - The $35 - please hold till my return, but in the Event of my not returning then pay the amt into the treasury of the Home Mis. So -

Very Affly Yours &c

John C Baldwin

H W Ripley Esq
A. Tr.

I have this to make the sum $15 instead of $10 - leaving $35 in your hands.

[Baldwin, Moses]

Will write

[MAGNOLIA]

5 Magnolia, East Florida,
Jany 28. 1861.

Dear Sir — Herewith I hand you my Draft at 3 days sight on Baldwin & Starr, 377 Broadway, for One Hundred Dollars ($100) for the use of the Am. H. M. So. in its present straitened circumstances, as an extra contribution.

You will please enter this on your books as from Cash, & not from any person by name.

Respectfully
Yours &c
Moses H Baldwin

To Mr Benjamin G. Talbert
Asst Treas Am H. M. So.
Bible House

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New York Dec 22/57

D Sir

Herewith I hand you an order on the Mechanics Bank for dividend payt 2d Jany for $200 also 6 Coupons - Galena and Chicago U Railroad payl at the Am Exchange Bank 1 Feb 210

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When Collected. please pay
to the American Board - $40
to " Colonization Society - 60
" " Bible - do 60 - $160

The remainder for $250 - the Home Missionary Society -

By complying with the above it will much oblige

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John C Baldwin

~~J.W. Ripley Esqr~~

Recd $40.00 Am.

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Rec. $60. J.B. Pinney

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St. Augustine, Fla, Feby 13.
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To
Hon. Benjamin G. Talbert,
Assistant Treasurer American Home
Missionary Society -

Sir -

Herewith you will find my draft of this date & your order for fifty dollars on Baldwin & Starr for the purposes of the Home Missionary Society. I send this as a small item for your empty treasury, in addition to my usual subscription.

Respectfully
Yours &c
Moses H. Baldwin
(of New York)

(Will write with receipt.)

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Moses H. Baldwin —
St. Augustine, Florida, Feb. 13/60.
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Moses H. Baldwin
Magnolia, East Florida.
Jan 28/61.

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Recd Feb 5th/61

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Barracks Alexandria Co Va Nov 8th 1864

Revd D. R. Nayes

to Washington D.C.

Dear [illegible]

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[Sands, Rev. J. D.]

they would live Christian lives before their comrades, and not be ashamed of Jesus, nor of his cause and I believe they are keeping their vows. May the Lord strengthen them by his Spirit and grace.

My monthly reports to Washington D.C. show within three months, an increase both of church and temperance members. The last time [illegible] on last pay day I did not learn of more than three drunken men out of 619 which is the perfect strength of our Regt. I, at last, received some pay, and I enclose five dollars as my donation to [illegible] is [illegible] what my people afterward may do I hope they will do something in the way of a collection for your society.

Some of the Christian boys and I have been building a meeting house. We have worked hard to-day. They first put me up a place in which I can sleep dry, which I did not before. The men took some old tents, begged from the Post Quarter Master, made some frames and stretched these old tents over the frames.

We went to the saw mill, [illegible] and got some slabs and made some seats. So now we can have quite a meeting house. [illegible] is making roads.

We like [illegible] here, [illegible] and sugar [illegible] (the expedition lost thirty men killed and wounded. [illegible] (Gen. [illegible]) was fearfully [illegible] had some [illegible] killed and wounded and 30 [illegible] men.

Asking an interest in your prayers and hoping to return home to my beloved people when this time of service expires with the [illegible] amid the changes of war I subscribe myself yours respectfully [illegible] Sands

Chaplain 9th Iowa Vols

Rev. J. D. Sands, Barrancas
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[Wilkinson, Amelia S.]

[DAYTONA]

Daytona Volusia Co. Florida
Nov. 18th 1876

Rev. Henry M. Storrs

Sir

I take the liberty of writing to you because of my anxiety to see a Congregationalist church established here. This is a village of about 300 inhabitants, situated on the Halifax river, 12 miles north of New Smyrna on the east coast. The country along the coast is rapidly filling up with northern people. Six miles north on this river is New Britain a settlement of Connecticut people. Six miles south is another little place, Port Orange and three miles farther south another, Halifax City. There is a small Presbyterian Church at New Smyrna but no church organization of any kind here. A Methodist minister preaches one sermon each fortnight. The Episcopalians have service every Sunday evening, conducted by a layman. We have a Sunday School and a weekly prayer meeting has just been started. But there are so few of each denomination and so large a majority seem indifferent that it is impossible for any of them to do any thing without outside help. Nearly all are are in very moderate circumstances

A number of wealthy people from the North spend their winters here and one lady from Cincinnati has given a lot for a Methodist Church. We have a school house, just built, where we have our meetings. Until two weeks since they were held in a private house. The climate is almost perfect and I think it the healthiest place I ~~ev~~ ever lived in. We have lived here one year, and seven months in Jacksonville. My brother Rev. R. T. Cross has recently gone to Colorado Springs as a Home Missionary My ~~F~~ father Rev. G. Cross of Richville St. Lawrence Co. N. Y. is also a Congregationalist minister. I think he would come here if he could get the appointment He is 67 years old but active and healthy. He has preached 37 years in Richville but my mother is dead, his children are all settled far from him except one daughter who is about to come South so that he would be alone. He could live more cheaply here than a man with a family as he would not have to rent or buy a home and property is very high here. I would gladly board him for nothing if it were possible, but our means are very limited, we have no income, a large family and my husbands health is poor. He is a lawyer and in so small a place there is little law business. The few Congregationalists and Presbyterians are about to unite in a morning service once in two weeks, having the sermon read. I think something could be raised towards the support of a minister residing here. There are a few Congregationalists in New Britian and a minister living here could preach there part of the time. If you think best to send some one else than my father, whoever it is, need have no fear of the climate or summer heat. We are only one and a half miles from the ocean and the sea breezes make the summers cool and pleasant. A steamer is being built here to connect with one from Jacksonville. We have a sawmill, three small stores, a reading room and small public library, 2 hotels for the accommodation of winter visitors. Unless the Congregationalists can get a foothold at once, before other denominations get organized, I fear it would be impossible to do anything for years or until enough move in to form a church. Politically everything is quiet in this part of the State. Northern men have the same liberty of speech and vote as at the North. There is a Cong. Church in Jacksonville, but I believe without a pastor. I must beg your pardon for troubling you with so long a letter, but I wished you to know as much as possible about the place. Hoping you may be able to send some one to help us in building up a church

I am very respectfully yours
Amelia S. Wilkinson

Amelia S. Wilkinson
Daytona Florida Nov 18/76
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Rev. D. B. Coe. D.D.,
Bible House
New York.

[Wilkinson, Amelie]

[DAYTONA]

Daytona Volusia Co. Florida
Feb. 3d 1877.

Rev. H. M. Storrs

Your letter of Dec. 7th was recieved, but has remained unanswered, becaus I could give so little of the information you wished. I wrote one letter to you and burned it, thinking it useless to trouble you. My husband was very ill for several weeks, so that I could not consult him. I have been waiting for him to be able to go to New-Britain to see what could be done there but he has not felt well enough as yet to go. The Methodists are about organizing although there are not half a dozen here, and

Jacksonville Fla. Mch. 3d

I am a surprise to myself. The jar & the strain of 1,488 miles of Rail, for 3 days & 4 nights, did not disturb my head at all. Indeed I have "improved all the time", as Dr J. has repeatedly said. Go up river to day. Adr. R.C. "Lake Jessup, Orange Co. Fla." Roj are urging others to unite with them and form a Methodist church, in order to get outside help. But we prefer to organize a Union or Cong. church, even if we are without a minister awhile. And here I wish to ask a question - Could a Union church with a Cong. minister receive help from your Society. There are at least eight or ten who would unite in forming a Cong. Church and more - I cannot say how many who would unite with a Union Church. They are all Northern people. As you requested I will briefly describe those who would form a Cong. Church. Mr Waldron a single man of forty - Justice of the Peace and his sister. They live together and keep boarders. Another sister of Mr W - Mrs Corwin and her husband who is a carpenter. These four with Mr Smith a Methodist have almost alone kept up Sunday School and morning service for two or three years. They are Presbyterians and faithful in all church work. Mr & Mrs Thompson Congregationalists from Cincinnati - own a home here and keep boarders = My husband who is superintendent of the S. School, a lawyer my daughter eighteen years old and my sister, an experienced teacher and worker in S. Schools. She has recently come here from the North. But we are all poor - seventy five dollars would be the most we could raise so at present we cannot hope to have a minister unless we could raise more by organizing a Union Church. What would you advise us to do?

The Episc organizing although there are few here and they have not the confidence of the community. My father I believe has decided to remain in Richville. Board cannot be obtained for less than 5 dollars a week. The cost of living is about the same as at the North. Food with the exception of meats, costs more, but fuel almost nothing, and there is less need of expensive winter clothing. If we organise a church without a minister, what is necessary to be done. We think that while a Union Church differs from a Cong. church only in name, members of other denominations would have less objection to joining it. Twelve northern families have moved here this winter. A new settlement of Northern people has been started three miles north, half way between here and New Britain. Some wealthy men from Cincinnati are about investing here – we may get some help from them. Hoping soon to write of something accomplished I remain very truly yours

Amelia S. Wilkinson

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Amelia S. Wilkinson
Daytona. Florida. Feb 3/77

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Inquiry about aid for Cong. Ch.

Ansd.

[Wilkinson, Amelia]

[DAYTONA]

Daytona Volusia Co. Fla.
March 18th 1877

Rev. H. M. Storrs

Sir

Your letter of the 15th of Feb. was recieved and has been a help to us in organizing, as we have, without a minister. We were obliged to give up the idea of a Union Church as the Methodists refused to unite with us. Today, a Congregationalist Church of thirty five members has been organized in this place. Sixteen are from New Britain, two from the settlement three miles from here and seventeen from this place. A few others are thinking of uniting. Nearly all are heads of families - 17 men and 16 women - all northern people - educated and intelligent. Six are from the church of Rev. Horace Bushnell - the "blind missionary" of Cincinati. Four have formerly belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church. If we only had a *working* minister I think the number might be considerably increased. As soon as possible we will find out how much we can raise for the support of a minister. We have most of us come here within two years - so far it has been all outlay with very little income and with one or two exceptions, in very limited circumstances. I am in hopes we can raise in the two places three hundred dollars, yet we may not be able to do as much as that. In a similar case in Iowa the late Dr Guernsey, State agent for the Home Missionary Society, told us that the Society would give as much as the church raised. In that case I think we could support a minister with a small family who would be willing to live plainly as the rest of us do. I think I have already written of the healthfulness of this place. It is safe to come here at any season of the year. We came to Florida two years ago the first of next month. Our children were nearly always sick in Iowa but here they have been perfectly healthy. I think there can be no finer climate in the world than this. Insects are not much worse than they are north. If you know of any minister who

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place. The Methodists and Episcopals
are about to organize, but neither will
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our church. But both have ministers
who are men of ability and we must
have some one who can compete with
them if we hold our own. My
husband has written to Rev. Mr. Cobb
of Jacksonville and we hope he can
visit us soon. To give an idea of
the cost of living I will state the cost of provisions.
Beef 8 to 10 cts butter 50 cts flour 12 dollars a
barrel. oysters and fish are found in abundance
in the river, wood a dollar a wagon load
groceries rather higher than at the north.
As the future correspondance will be carried
on by the officers of the church I will close
by thanking you for the interest you have
manifested when there seemed very little
hope of anything being accomplished.

very truly yours
Amelia S Wilkinson

[AHMS, GALE]

Jacksonville 1st 3d 1892

Dear brother Bassett

I enclose the letter I spoke of the other day. You see it is Confidential, but no dubt brother C has said and written quite as much to you.

It was at the Phoenix City Meeting that I asked brother C to join Dr Tucker in the tour of the Lineville District

What can be against you in this case I cannot possibly see. I believe the Secretaries will find you all right. had Dr T accomplished anything as we talked of, he would not have had any trouble to secured a settlement.

S. F. Gale

The above is a copy of bro Gales letter to me, when he sent me bro Culpeppers letter, I send you bro Culpeppers letter for your inspection, and you can read it for your self.

S. E. Bassett

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Amelia S Wilkinson
Daytona. Fla. Mch 18/77

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Ch. organized; minister wanted.

Ansd

The American Home Missionary

BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE, N

This Society must continue to ask special support while our
in population and moral need. The Secretaries submit to you the

FACTS AND FIGURES OF ITS 48 YEA

Total Receipts ....
Churches organized, more than..................
Churches already aided to full Self-support, more than
Received as communicants, more than..................

1873-4.

Missionaries employed in thirty-four States and Territor
Congregations supplied..................
Revivals reported..................
Additions to Missionary Churches..................
New Churches organized..................
Houses of Worship built, or greatly improved..................
Sunday School and Bible Class Scholars, more than..
Receipts (Cash, $299,000.00; other Donations, over $

With these small resources, such a work has been done! Al [illegible]

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Every year the work takes on larger dimensions. The [illegible] wants grow, its dangers grow. [illegible] for whom Christ died, waiting for the gospel [illegible] then they grow. Sacrifices and [illegible] that love their country and want to make it a safe home fo [illegible] must grow, or the country will not be saved from evil, and the [illegible] of men and women and children in it will not be saved from d

[Gale, S. F.]

Copy of a Letter april 14, 1892.

Rev. S. F. Gale

Florida

By request of Dr. A. O. Tucker I copy the following letter received by him from Rev. S. F. Gale and being familiar with Brother Gale's handwriting I gladly do so. Truly

Fred J. Estes

(Copy)

"Palm Beach, Dade Co. Fla 4/14 1892

Rev. A O Tucker, M. D.
Phenix City Ala

My Dear Bro.

Your favor of the 7th has been forwarded, and has just reached me. It is a great surprise to me, and I will add, a painful one

I understand that for Quarter-June 1 - Sept. 1 - you did receive the $175.00 The Report for that quarter had

S E Bassett
Jacksonville Fla
Jan 3 1892

S. E. Bassett
Jacksonville Fla.
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been in question: Bro. Bassett to whom I referred it and whom I requested to examine into it, gave it back to me, and we laid our Conference at the Wolf Pit - the State Conference of So. Ala - your brother W. B. being present, so far, is, I believe, all right. So!

Now for the Second quarter Ending Dec. 1 - you say you sent that Report to me. If you did, one of two things happened to it, either it never reached me, or I sent it to Bro Bassett at Fort Valley. To best of my recollection, I did send such a Report to him. I have no very distinct remembrance of it: but I have an impression that I turned it, with all the rest in my hands, over to my Successor in Ala, according to arrangements of the N. Y. office. I resigned on Nov.

J. 6th and laid down the work of the whole feild— retaining only Fla. I am confident that Bro. Bassett will find that Report in the papers I turned over to him. It is possible he never received it— he has never acknowledged the receipt of the Documents, papers and letters I sent him, but still he must have received them, I think.

I am sorry for you to be out of your money so long when you need it so bad. And I am surprised about it. Have you written Bro Bassett? And why have you not written me sooner?

And did you not receive my circular about my resignation, and the turning acknowdgd + Pomona

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40 Johnson St.
Lynn Mass.

Dr. J. B. Clark, Sec.

Dear Bro.

Your letter, Aug 17. c/o Sec. Coit - I received on first run into Boston.-

1. ✓ The Pomona App^{n} is not in my hands. I cleared my table on leaving Jax.- and took all but "dead" matter as compositors say. I cleared up the Application list - up to next from Daytona - Oct, 1. I distinctly remember my review of this App^{n} - signing &c.- and the foot note as to absence of Deacon's signature. And, to the best of my recollection, I forwarded it with those we looked over when I was in your office. I have an impression that it was mentioned along with E. R. Fuller's, and Kennedy's &c.-

I have made for myself, as a rule, copies of all App^{ns} I forward: the last two forwardings were under stress of circumstances and posted at 1 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. and I made no copies-of Ala. over to Bro. Bassett, and Ga. to Bro McDaniel?

If there were anything I could do I would gladly do it. Anything I might write to N. Y. would simply be referred back to Bro. Bassett. I will drop Bro Bassett a line, and suggest that you do the same.

I sympathize deeply for you in the afflictions of your invalid wife. I pray for you the sweet Divine comforts

Remember me, please, to your bro. W. B. Also to Hon. C. Tucker when you see them

I trust you will get an early settlement and a satisfactory one

Yours in Christian Love

S. F. Gale

Address Jax.

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2. 'As to Rev. A. O. Tucker - Ala. -

Soon after Bro. Bassett took charge - in reply to his inquiries I wrote plainly all I knew as to Tucker's second qr. for wh. he still claims - stipend - rather pay - not stipend, for nothing had been stipulated.

After personal investigation - and it was thorough, save only I had to take others word as to work done, could not go over his tracks - I endorsed for settlement for his first quarter - and at that time, Bro. Bassett understanding the same, I said to Tucker that I could not say anything as to second quarter - that all would depend on report of work done. When I was relieved I, of course, left this case in Bro. Bassett's hands and had heard nothing from Mr. Tucker.

Some of Tucker's friends also wrote me - and I replied: this some two or more months after I resigned. Two or three months ago I received a letter from good old Bro. Culpepper - of Fredonia - hotly protesting against

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Tucker's having a cent of missionary money in settlement – claiming that Tucker had done nothing. I could but give this letter great weight. After replying, I think I sent the letter to Bro. Bassett.

I was of opinion a year ago that there was some unpleasantness between Bro. Bassett and the Tuckers – certainly on their part towards Bro. Bassett.

I do not consider that any thing I said to Mr. Tucker bound the Society – but ~~that~~ the Supt. recommendation should be based on – conditioned by – accomplished work. –

I am compelled to say that my confidence in Bro. Tucker has been considerably impaired since I saw him. –

The above is to the best of my recollection. I wish it were more "light."

3. "State Secretary". Congregationalist – Aug. 11 – is Mr. John M. Comstock. Chelsea – Vt. – a new

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corresponding Secretary for Vt. Convention. Think he was "inspired". Have replied - but I could fill space Dr. Dunning gave me.

Am having a good time - but do not know how to "take a vacation." -

Yrs truly
S. F. Gale

Address -
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S. J. Gale
Lynn, Mass.
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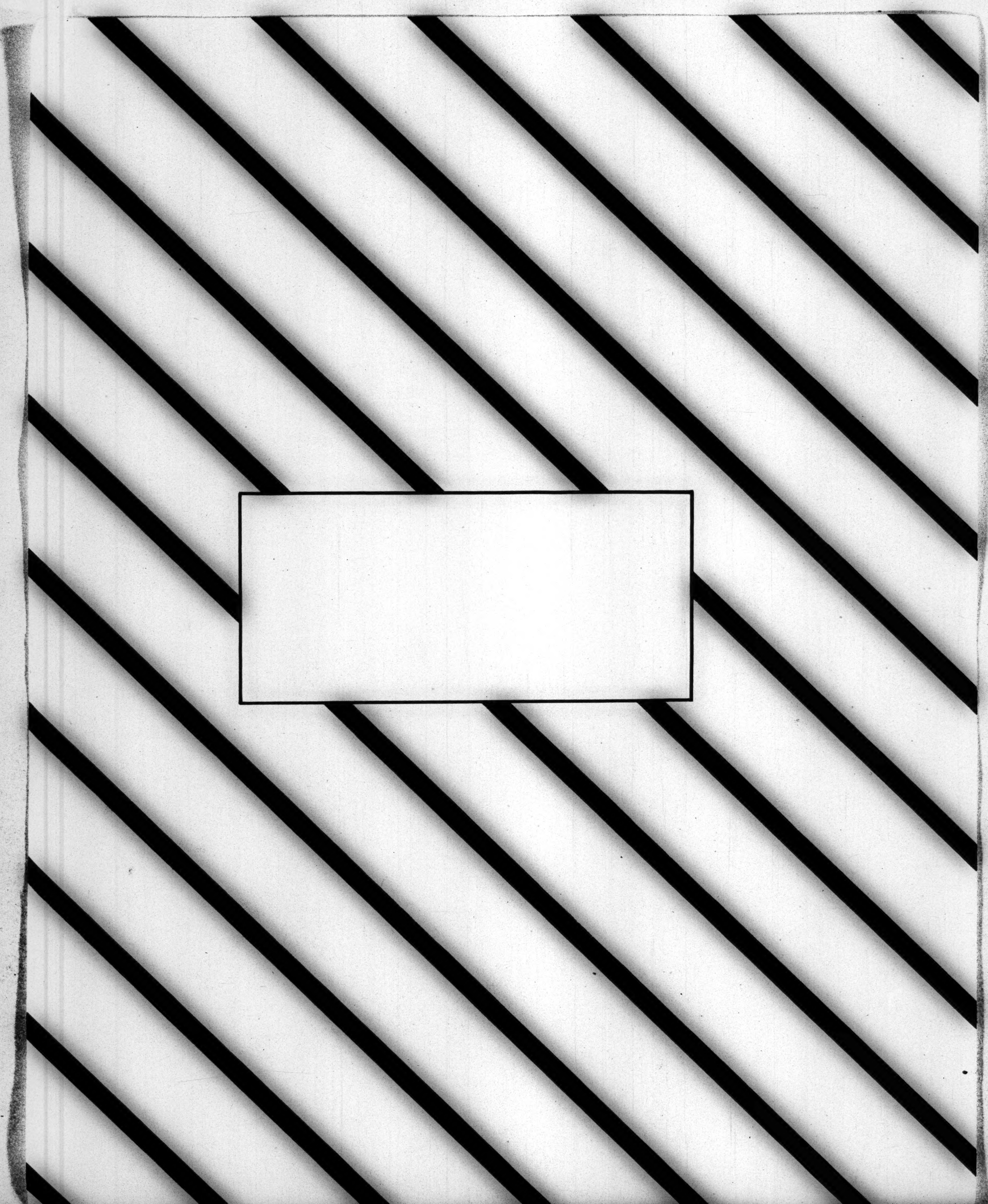

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[Bingham, Charles M]

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Name of Missionary, Charles M Bingham

P. O. Address, Daytona - Volusia Co. Florida

Report for Quarter ending March 31st 1893

Date of this Letter, April 1st 1893

Secys A. H. M. Society -

Dear Brethren - The time for another report has come - I have not much to report except that we are keeping along in the "middle of the Kings highway" and matters are in a healthy condition with us - We held a series of evangelistic services in January under the auspices of the W. C. T. U and the leadership of Rev Mrs Oliver their State evangelist an earnest, consecrated, and able preacher of the word - The meetings stirred us up a good deal and much good was done - Some lukewarm professors of religion were revived and quickened and have since been more active in good works - We anticipated some additions to our church as the result of the meetings but as yet none have come though they probably will in the near future - We held our State Association in Jacksonville in February. It was both pleasant and profitable socially and spiritually - This item of information probably does not belong to this report but as it was one of the notable events of the quarter I could not very well let it pass unmentioned - Of course our Supt of Missions has or will more fully report that meeting but I mention it as one of the land marks along the route of Congregationalism in Florida - It was the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Association and was therefore of more importance and greater significance - Our town has been full to overflowing with northern visitors this Winter - They have filled our churches on the Lords day and attended our special meetings but otherwise have not been of special help to us - I have visited among them quite freely and have found many good earnest Christians, but as a majority of them are, or claim to be invalids they did not come out to our evening meetings much - Among the number of Northern visitors have been two or three ministers of the Gospel - They came out some to our prayer meetings and also preached for me - So my report of sermons preached the past quarter will be less than usual - Holly Hill where I held service last Winter seems to be on the wane rather than growing - Some families that were there last Winter have been absent and as it is only two and a half miles from Daytona I concluded to give all my attention to Daytona as promising the best results - There is a place twelve miles South of here a community of about sixty people where they have no preaching service now - A Methodist brother from New Smyrna preached for them a month or so ago but he has gone away - I will call Bro Gale's attention to this isolated community and see if something cannot be done to supply their need - The place I refers to is "Ponce Park" - I think I have referred to it before - Our Sunday School is flourishing and so is our "Society of Christian Endeavor" and also our prayer meeting - Our Volusia County C.E. Union holds its annual Convention in DeLand ~~with the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to-day & to-morrow - Our society is represented of course and we expect good results from the meeting - The completion of the St. Augustine and Indian River Rail Road is an epoch in the history of the East Coast of Florida and already we feel its influence on the business interests of this section - We hope and pray that the spiritual influences will be felt also It will of course bring in more people and naturally add to the numbers of our churches and of course to their spirituality - We hope that Daytona has or will soon enter on a new era of prosperity from the settlement of a long standing question of land title comprising a portion of the site of the town - Now that, that cloud is removed we hope for greater growth from the incoming of permanent settlers rather than from transient visitors - In view of this expected prosperity and if our oranges are not destroyed by annual freezes we hope as a church soon to go alone and may God hasten the day - Our collection for the A.H.M.S. the past quarter was $11.00 which leaves $64.00 coming to me - Please send it as soon as possible as I am in pressing need of it. Yours &c C M Bingham

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Write nothing between these lines.

Rev. Chas. M. Bingham

Daytona,

Fla.

Date, Apr. 1st. 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending April, 1st. 1893.

Collection, $ 11 ..

Due, $ 64 ..

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached	9
" prayer-meetings attended	11
" Sunday-school sessions attended	13
" In what capacity?	Teacher of Bible class
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0	
" pastoral visits made	50
" funerals attended	0
" marriages solemnized	0
" largest congregation	175
" average congregation	150
" average attendance at prayer-meetings	20
" average attendance at Sunday-school	36
" hopeful conversions	None known
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0	
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0	

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft	$11.00
Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions	$64.00
Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter	$100
What new opening for preaching?	Ponce Park
" " a church?	" "
" " a Sunday-school?	" "

[Blaisdell, W. M.]

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Name of Missionary, W. S. Blaisdell

P. O. Address, Tavares Fla

Report for Quarter ending May 1st, 1893

Date of this Letter, May 20th, 1893

I was directed last November by Rev. Mr. Gale Supt. for Fla. to take Mt Dora and Tangerine districts within my care in conjunction with my own at Tavares. I did so during months of Nov. & Dec. The result of the matter you already are advised — You sent a supply to Mt Dora; and Tangerine remained permanently for the year under my charge. The Church at Tavares consented to this arrangement giving up one of its services but not lessening its pay to me. However I remitted the amount of subscriptions during summer quarter, as they desired the year to begin in October. The attendance here has been more regular & better sustained. The interest has increased. Composed largely of Southern population, it has been difficult so to overcome sectional prejudice & induce them to come freely into our church. There are a large number who ought to join & I believe will do so as we have had conversions. Our services are all better attended than ever before. Sabbath school & week day prayer meeting have a very marked efficiency. The church is in excellent working order and are at work.

I have done pastoral work as at Tangerine with one day in the week visiting from house to house &, in such a town with floating population, from person to person. It is in this way alone I secure attendance at Church & I am heartily seconded in this by a flourishing Soc. of Chr Endeavor.

Your cutting me down from $125. per quarter to $75. and had it not been for the Missionary Barrel with clothing etc, we could not have made the year without debt. I had all that I could do to accomplish my work & to give my time & strength to the work of the gospel the year before on $750. from you & our Society together. I get a little better than that now including what I get for work at Tangerine, but my work there costs me all I get. Horse hire two days per week costs the full amount, and it is so difficult to get horses here on Sunday, several days I have been compelled to walk the distance both ways 20 miles & hold two services. And Florida roads at that!
It really leaves me but at the rate of 300 & 250 = $550 for year to meet my household expenses.

I am not complaining and am only glad I have been able to endure it. My work has not suffered, but every one on the field will tell you directly if you ask them that I have been faithful to the utmost in discharge of my ministerial duties.

I must ask however on account of increasing deafness to be superceded at the begining of year Oct 1st.

The field is an interesting & hopeful one and deserves to be specially looked after by those who have general oversight of our nominational affairs in the State.

We have no Northern visitors as at Mt. Dora & Tangerine, so the congregation is better sustained during Summer months & the heated term if anything than in the winter.

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Rev. W. S. Blaisdell

Tavares

Fla.

Date, May 20 1893

Report for Quarter

ending 18

Collection, $ —

Due, $ ~~75~~ ..

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached. One every Sunday without failure
" prayer-meetings attended. every Wed. eve
" Sunday-School sessions attended None, answered.
" In what capacity? — — —
" baptisms: adult, — infant, —
" pastoral visits made. One day from house to house per week.
" funerals attended None
" marriages solemnized One
" largest congregation. 144
" average congregation. 69
" average attendance at prayer-meetings 29
" average attendance at Sunday-school 27
" hopeful conversions Answered.
" added to church on conf., — by letter, —
" members died, — dismissed, — excluded, —

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft $ Sent direct by you or elsewhere.

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions $ 75.00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter $ 36.34

What new opening for preaching?
" " a church?
" " a Sunday-school?

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P. O. Address, Tavares Florida

Report for Quarter ending May 1st 1893

Date of this Letter, May 20th, 1893

The Church at Tangerine to which I was appointed is located in an exceedingly interesting locality and is composed of a very intelligent & earnest people. It is only church in place. In the congregation several denominations are represented. The success in uniting them into one church has not yet been accomplished other than a growing unity. I have spent one day in the week in laboring from house to house with evident & marked results. During the winter many boarders from the North attend; but the congregation is not much lessened now that they are gone, the fuller attendance of the people making up the withdrawal. There have been some conversions and several are expected to unite with church. The conditions of spiritual & temporal matters are very encouraging. Located in a fine fruitful region with unnumbered young groves coming into bearing. people from North gradually coming to build & to live permanently in the place. I live so far away that I cannot attend week day prayer meeting. But it has been well sustained. The Sab-school is increasing in interest.

[Branch, E. P.]

[MELBOURNE]

Ansd

Melbourne Fla: May 10th

Mr. Wm. Kincaid

Can you tell me if Rev. Sidney Strong is to be at the Puritan Church again this season, or haven't the supplies been arranged as yet.

Yours truly
E. P. Branch.

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Rev. W. S. Blaisdell

Tavares

Fla.

Date, May 20 1893

Report for Quarter

ending May 1, 1893.

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Collection, $ ——

Due, $125 00/100

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached. One every Sunday without failure
" prayer-meetings attended. answered
" Sunday-School sessions attended all.
" In what capacity? Teacher Bible Class
" baptisms: adult, infant,
" pastoral visits made. One day every week
" funerals attended none
" marriages solemnized none
" largest congregation. 48
" average congregation. 37
" average attendance at prayer-meetings 20
" average attendance at Sunday-school.
" hopeful conversions. answered
" added to church on conf., — by letter, —
" members died, — dismissed, — excluded, —

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft. $ Sent direct to you.

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions $ 50.00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter $ 12,50

What new opening for preaching?
" " a church?
" " a Sunday-school?

[Brown, Willard D.]

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Name of Missionary, Willard D. Brown

P. O. Address, Interlachen - Florida

Report for Quarter ending March 31st 1893

Date of this Letter, March 28th 1893-

Secretaries A.H.M.Soc

I send this report very promptly after the last Sunday in the quarter because I want our last collection for the Society included in this years report - I dont think I have any new conversions to report - I think there has been more than usual religious interest in the church itself - The Episcopals have not opened thier house this winter which has been a little in our favor. In making up my average attendance I have omitted one very rainy Sunday when the attendance was very small. but full as many as I could expect. All the services were held as usual — Fraternally Yours

W. D. Brown

E. P. Branch, 14363.
Melbourne
Fla.

May 10/93

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Inquiry.

29 [Brown, Mrs. W. D.]

Ack $10.-

Interlachen Fla.
May 26 - 1893.

Rev. A. H. Clapp D.D.

Enclosed please find check for ten dollars from Ladies of So. Lake Weir - for A. H. M. S. - Please give credit to Fla. W. H. M. U.

Yours Respectfully
Mrs. W. D. Brown Treas.

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Rev. Willard D. Brown,

Interlachen,

Florida

Date, Mar 28, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr 1st 1893.

Collection, $ 12.75/100

Due, $ 81.0/100

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No. of sermons preached.................... 26
" prayer-meetings attended................. 13
" Sunday-school sessions attended......... 13
" In what capacity?.....................
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made.....................
" funerals attended....................... 0
" marriages solemnized..................... 0
" largest congregation..................... 80
" average congregation..................... 62
" average attendance at prayer-meetings... 28
" average attendance at Sunday-school.... 25
" hopeful conversions.....................
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0
" members died, 0 dismissed, 1 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft.............$12.75

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions.............$81.

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter.............$75.

What new opening for preaching?

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

[Carter, Benjamin]

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Name of Missionary, Rev Benjamin H Carter

P. O. Address, Crestview Walton Co Florida

Report for Quarter ending April the 1st 1893

Date of this Letter, April the 1st 1893

Dear Brethern my Wark out side of ~~my~~ my organnized Church has not Been So Good this Quarter as it has Been in the Pass the Cause ~~of~~ It I cant Tell It Seems like that the Gaspel has as ~~as~~ no effect on the People the future may Bring in more Ernist thoughts then now it has Been A Quarter of hard Work to Keep the Church at Campton under Controle But I am fearfull that it is Going to take hard wark to reviaie the People But We are Going to try to Bring A Bout A reviviel at the Campton But By the help of the Good Lord We are Going to try Some how I feel that We Will

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Mrs W. D. Brown.
Interlocken
Fla.

May 26/93.
67 P.

Ck. $10. –

But We most trust in the Lord
and Pray for the out Pouring of the holy
Spirit to move the Church
I have had A hard Sruggle & this quarter
in Realhing my Appointments they a are
So far a part and no way to Go
only to walk my Appointments
are from Ten to fifteen and
twenty miles a Part I am Just
of from 25 mill travel and near
worn out for B Rest there is more
Labours needed in this Part of
God Vinyard for the harvest is Great
and the Labours are few
and we pray that the Lord of the
harvest Will Send more Labours
into the Vineyard the People are all
Poor all over the part of the
Country and are not able to
anything much in the way of
a Surport of the Gospel they

Do need more help to Send the
Gosple But I do believe that
they are trying to do all they can
to help them Selfs may the
Good Lord help in this Great
Work

Brethern pray A for us that
we may have A Revivel of
Beligion in the harts of the People

[Frazier, Charles W.]

Key West Fla. Mch. 14th. 1893.

Rev. Jos. B. Clark, D.D.

Dear Brother:-- I write to say that the Examining Committee of the Church has passed on three letters, which makes our membership 70, one in Heaven leaves 69 on the earth. This people when in the Bahamas, had trouble with unworthy applicants, and it seems a great blessing to them to have the right to say who shall come and who shall not. we have had several applicants rejected. the loss of power of some of those chs. that have such great numbers on the "Roll" is because of the Ministers right to receive. So it will seem strange to you to hear of a ch. saying to an applicant, wait a few months and be sure you know what it means to take the solemn vows of the Church. But this precaution is already making the Ch. a power in this city. But Oh, for a man to give his whole time to the Cuban cause! There is only one in the field and he is a Cuban, of the M.E. South. An american would have so much more influence. Say, Sec. Kincaid asked me if I needed any "Books" Did you know that if you have read George MacDonald's Novel's especially "Malcolm" and "T he Marquis of Losse" you can have a good Idea of many of the people here. "I want his novels and I want them bad." The simple theology taught in those books fit me for this work as nothing else outside the Bible. "A scotchman a minister said to me that they are true to character. and when I spoke of the Peo-ple here he said I must get those books."

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Rev Benj. H. Carter,

Crestview,

Fla.

Date, Apr 1st. 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr. 1st. 1893

Collection, $ —

Due, $ ~~25/00~~ 25/00

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached.......Fifty......
" prayer-meetings attended... ...Twelve
" Sunday-school sessions attended..Nine
" In what capacity?......Pastor
" baptisms: adult, infant, 3
" pastoral visits made....168......
" funerals attended........3............
" marriages solemnized.....4..........
" largest congregation......150.........
" average congregation......65.........
" average attendance at prayer-meetings. .30
" average attendance at Sunday-school. 15
" hopeful conversions..........none....
" added to church on conf., by letter, one
" members died, no dismissed, no excluded,

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft.....None...............$

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions......Twenty five.........$ 25.00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter.....................................$ 300

What new opening for preaching?

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

Dear Sir:—

Please forward the amount due me at your earliest convenience as I need it to meet outstanding obligations

Sincerely

Edgar R. Futhr.

Apr. 5, 1893.

Charles Carned of the City of Boston gave us a ck of $Ioo. for our church Building which we propose to build. Would it make you think of some of George MacDonald's scenes and characters to see the numerous fishing boats, the fishermen in the coffee shops talking Scripture, to hear from the street the Sunday prayer, see the man even curse his children into obedience of the quiet Sabbath keeping. (not a churchmember in the latter case) many won't eat any beef or fish that is butchered or caught on sunday. Many in my Bible class that can criticise the ministry, and can tell if he is in sympathy with them, cannot answer the simplest questions in the Bible. to the man that is so strict in keeping the Sabbath may beat the Sabbath-breaker in slandering his neighbor. The man that will not eat the Sunday procured meats, may profane the name of God. It is strange what giants they ~~are~~, and yet I find many who are consistent Christians.

Excuse my long letter, I said I'll write a short one but alas!

Yours Cordially,

Chas W Yeager

July 6 /23

Key West Fla

Chas D. Frazer

Referring and 2 letter

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[Fuller, Edgar]

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Name of Missionary, Edgar R. Fuller.

P. O. Address, New Smyrna Fla.

Report for Quarter ending March 31, 1893

Date of this Letter, Apr. 3. 1893

My sickness which took me out of the work nearly two months has been most discouraging to the workers, especially as it came at a time when of all the year it seemed I could have done most good.

S. S., Prayer Meeting were regularly maintained & with but few exception my place in the pulpit was supplied from away. Financially my sickness does not seem to have hurt the work much. Special gifts have been made to me toward completing the church so that work is now progressing & I trust enough is now in sight to complete the main audiance room excepting permanent windows & seats.

The last payment has been made by the choir on our 16 light chandelier, by the choir; & the balance due on the 3 memorial windows will be forwarded in a few days.

One young man came into fellowship this quarter

Please forward me the balance due to April first as soon as convenient. Sincerely — E. R. Fuller.

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Name of Missionary, Edgar Roselle Fuller

P. O. Address, New Smyrna, Fla.

Report for Quarter ending Oct. 1, 1892

Date of this Letter, Apr. 3, 1893

The report for this quarter as also the one following I failed to make out & forward on account of advance payments, rush of work & neglect. However it loses nothing in exactness. It was a good quarter, with much useful work accomplished. Yet withall we ~~I~~ met our greatest loss since coming to this field in the death of one of our officials, a most efficient & sweet spirited man. Yet the gap closes up & the work goes on as before. The Christian Endeavor Society did good work, in fact all departments were well sustained, notwithstanding the summers heat.

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Rev. ....

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Date, ... 18

Report for Quarter

ending 18

Collection, $ ....

Due, $ ....

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached.................................. 11
" prayer-meetings attended.............................. 9
" Sunday-school sessions attended.................... 6
" In what capacity?.. scholar
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made.. 20
" funerals attended.. 1
" marriages solemnized...................................... 0
" largest congregation.. 125-
" average congregation....................................... 65-
" average attendance at prayer-meetings........... 10
" average attendance at Sunday-school............ In 3-total 55-
" hopeful conversions... several
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 1
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft................$ 00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions................$ —

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter................$ 75.00

What new opening for preaching? Can seek none

" " a church? " " "

" " a Sunday-school? " " "

E. R. Fuller. 12922.
New Smyrna
Fla.

Apr. 18/93

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Inquiry.

[NEW SMYRNA] [Fuller, E. R.]

Ansd

New Smyrna, Fla.
Apr. 18, 1893.

Rev. Wm Kincaid D.D.,

Dear Friend:—

Would anything be gained by my coming to New York & being in attendance at the Annual Meeting at Saratoga? Would the Secretaries, yourself, Drs Clark & Choate be in your office from 26 to 31 of May?

Are any special arrangements made as to rates from the South?

Since the "cut" & my sickness I am in no shape to expend the money unless something can be gained toward making plain what should be my work, but

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Rev. ....

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Date, ... 18

Report for Quarter

ending 18

Collection, $ ....

Due, $ ....

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached........................ 37
" prayer-meetings attended... 19
" Sunday-school sessions attended.......... 22
" In what capacity?............. ...... teacher
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made.... 30
" funerals attended........................ 2
" marriages solemnized............ 1
" largest congregation.................... 70
" average congregation..................... 45
" average attendance at prayer-meetings... 18
" average attendance at Sunday-school. 3 S.S. - total 68
" hopeful conversions............... ....several
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 4
" members died, 1 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft.................................$ .00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions.....................................$ ——

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter.......................................$ 75.00

What new opening for preaching? Can seek none
" " a church? " " "
" " a Sunday-school? " " "

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Name of Missionary, Edgar R. Fuller.

P. O. Address, New Smyrna Fla.

Report for Quarter ending Dec. 31. 1892

Date of this Letter, Apr. 3 1893.

This report was delayed on account of sickness. Jan. 1, I took my place as usual & we enjoyed a glad season at the Lords Table, A good old mother, seventy odd years of age came into fellowship. The following day I was taken sick & for weeks my life was despaired of, but it seems the good Lord had further work for me & I came through all right.

The quarter was one of earnest work for the annual Meeting & preperation for our winters work when we enjoy the presence of many Northern visitors. Preaching at Smyrna twice each Sunday & alternating between Glencoe & Hawks Park for an afternoon service making, 3 services regularly each Sunday beside S.S. work has been regularly maintained.

During this quarter 9 were pledged toward organizing a church at Hawks Park & plans were laid to complete the same early in January.

if such could be gained, I
would try hard to be there.

Sincerely
Edgar R. Fuller.

[Gale; Rev. S. F.] (AHMS)

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Jacksonville, Fla. Feb. 28 - 1893

Dr. J. B. Clark Sec. -

Dear Bro.

With reference to yours of 16th regarding the Mch. 6 Ex. Com. meeting and the "bringing out of this year's work square with that date" - I forward the enclosed applications, which I trust will be in time for the meeting, and which - so far as I know - clear the year's schedule. -

I have attached explanations in each case. -

In general I may here say that this year our Annual State meeting - before and at the time - taxed me unusually - ; then I was booked for the Y. P. S. C. E. State Convention; following which came a very hard ~~[illegible]~~ pull in Rollins College annual meeting - and all topped off with a special Sunday at Ormond and New Smyrna - Dr. Harding being in Ala. - and Bro. Fuller very ill. - The most of last week I was quite off, not unnaturally.

1. As to Apportionment Account:

The Mem. of Appt - sent me Jan. 14 gave us

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Rev. Edgar R. Fuller,
New Smyrna,
Fla.

Date, Apr 3, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr 1st 1893.

Collection, $ 9 0/100

Due, $ 86 83/100

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached.......... 36
" prayer-meetings attended.......... 12
" Sunday-school sessions attended.......... 24
" In what capacity?.......... Teacher
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 2
" pastoral visits made.......... 35
" funerals attended.......... 2
" marriages solemnized.......... 0
" largest congregation.......... 100
" average congregation.......... 58
" average attendance at prayer-meetings.. 17
" average attendance at Sunday-school.. 35.5 - total 78
" hopeful conversions.......... several
" added to church on conf., 1 by letter, 1
" members died, 0 dismissed, 2 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft..........$ 9.00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions..........$ —

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter..........$ 75.00

What new opening for preaching? Can seek none
" " " a church? " "
" " " a Sunday-school? " "

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Bal. unused -- $ 520.22

The Memoranda of App'n have not noted the savings by resignations &c. which should be a credit to the App'n.

Such credits we have by savings as follows:-

1, Longwood: Rev. C.W. Frazer. fr. 15 Mch. '92-12 m. voted Jan. 4.- $550.00; ended labor Sept. 15; thus restoring to App'n — — — —— 275.00

2. Port Orange: Rev. T. Pell, absent in Iowa 3 months, remits 1/4 of amt. voted July 11.- $275 for 12 m.-; - credit - - 68.75 343.75

Total Bal. - - - - - - - - - - - - $863.97

Against this now come the applications - as per Schedule -

1. Tampa - Rev. E. P. Herrick	300.
2-(a.) Tavares - 3 m.-	75.
(b) Tavares and Tangerine - 6 m.	150. 100.
3- Melbourne 6 mo.-	150. $775.00

Remainder of above Bal. - - - - $ 88.97

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I have to report yet — if above Bal. does not fail in any way, ~~and~~ I see no possible way — my expenses and $20.00 on Gen. Misc. Exps. acct. for Jan. and Feb. —

2. I will soon finish new Schedule, also annual report. —

I see that our last Schedule — by reason of resignations and amts not asked for (Melbourne, Sanford, Longwood, Mount Dora and Port Orange) is to be credited with total of $693.75. The comfort of this appears when it is remembered that there was no "margin" in last Schedule.

Hoping to hear that the end of so bad a year is satisfactory — and that the 6th of March leaves no "ragged edge" for Florida — I send on these last applications. —

Of some other matters pending — I will write by next Mail. —

Yours very truly
S. F. Gale

Rev S. F. Gale 12529

Jacksonville

Fla.

Feb 28/93

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Respecting current apportionment &c.

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~~Jacksonville, Fla.~~ 3-29-1893
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Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.
Dear Bro.—

I enclose herewith schedule of '93-'94.. to the best of my ability to recommend.—

Supt's expenses are lower—because I have one pass ~~that~~ will save much—and hope now to secure one or two more passes.

Rev. P. G. Woodruff will—as contemplated—do the only general missionary work—and the $250 is intended so to supplement the local grants he may receive as to enable him to do this work.

The small local grants in a number of cases are such because of contemplated vacations—as in case of Wrch of Pomona.

Some other local grants—as in West Fla.—are small upon the principle that the limited plaster must still be spread over all the sore—however thinly. Yet there are several cases ~~that~~ get no modicum.— Ocoee, Warnell—Potolo &c—are instances of the "native helper"—and must be recognized &c—Their merits are all right. I have entered the most deserving & needy.

[Gale

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In almost every instance the figures of last schedule — which represented a general and severe cut — are not here increased — though they ought to be in every case, as I know.

Brown, of Interlachen, and Noble, of Lake Helen are each increased $25. The old figures will prolong a severe "tight" for all of them. Some of the new figures — as Key West and Avon Park are way down. Bro. Frazer ought to have $700.00 Paine of Sanford, $400. & so on.

All this means simply further crippling of the Florida work.—

I have done my best; but head and heart are both sick. It is impossible that the missionaries keep up heart this year as they did last.

This has been unavoidably delayed by illness (poison) — at last — and before ~~that~~ I waited to secure further information from some fields and to secure further conference with members of State Comᵉ — in vain.

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Should have said that zero for margin is an easier thing for me to face than to say to missionaries - "there is some margin for exigencies - but not healing any hurtful cut."

The Schedule is as horizontal as I could possibly make it. All the men in this State are my favorites.

So I submit - with some sense of relief - and hoping for more - the lumping of the lump.

I beg further to say that I believe we have a good cause this year for urging an increase of apportionment by at least $1,000. - but not now.

Yours very truly

S. F. Gale

ale, Rev. S. F.]

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Jacksonville, Fla., 3-3- 1893

Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.-

Dear Bro.-

It would seem now - even to me, that I had no excuse for not reporting Jan. Exps. before -:, but the facts are that our State Association, held here, with State Y.P.S.C.E. Convention - which took from us a Sunday, and the annual meetings at Winter Park, followed at once by more than double Sunday services at Ormond and New Smyrna - were a bit too much for me - and this "run" took me up to near the 20th of Feb.-

I suppose Feb. exps. can - if necessary - like any missy work come from new Apportionment.

Yours very truly
S. F. Gale

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P.S.-

Good news for our Spanish work - and Bro. Herrick! Our Bro. Pierce (and wife) whom we cultivated in Fla. last Winter give $1,000^{00} cash - for our chapel in Ybor City!

Please advise whether this might wisely go through the Treas^{r} of the Fla. W.H.M.U.- The Union is just incorporating to buy and hold the lot - Mr. Pierce (Suffield Conn.) proposes it - direct to Bro. Herrick - but does not wish his name now mentioned in the North.-

Yours
S. F. G.

Rev S. F. Gale 12530.

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Schedule enclosed

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Rev S. F. Gale

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Report and

Respecting Cuban

chapel.

[Gale, Mrs. S. F.]

Sent

Rev. J. B. Clark D.D.

Dear friend -

Will you send me a check for $75.00? I would like it on the 13th -

Perhaps you have heard that a "friend" will build us a "1000.00 chapel" for Cuban work. So we buy the entire lot for $700.00 This "friend" quizzed us one year until I thought him a detective!!! a good kind -

Mr. Gale returns home tomorrow, he has secured passes on some roads I

[Gale, Rev. S.F.]

See page 3

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Palm Beach -
March 14 - 93.

Read

Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.
Dear Bro. -

Referring to matter of Rev. A. T. Fuller, this will explain all, I think: first - that I approved of his idea of reporting his work done after expiration of his commission - partly for his own just moral credit and because he and his field and work had been so unjustly criticised by Bro. Stafford, particularly to Sec. Coit with whom Bro. S. opened correspondence, and also in some hope that a margin would develope out of which I could recommend that a grant should be made on account of this reported work. Of course I cannot do this now, as it appears.

Then - in this case I was to ask an advance for him, should he go to work at ~~#~~ Mannfield. This he has done, and I accordingly ask that you send him $125.00 advance on account of work begun about the

Ex Com. Pat. with appl.

believe - We are still in the rush of the season -

Yours
Elizabeth S. Gale -

March 6. 93
Jay. Fla -

Mrs S. F. Gale 12278.
Jacksonville Fla
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Wants dft 75.

15th of Feb. – He has taken the Mansfield Ch. in answer to their hearty Call – and the out-stations. This work will be in the new Schedule. He may also couple with it the Norwalk Church. He is in need. I have made him a considerable loan to tide him into this work and the new Miss'y year. He is a good – faithful, successful worker.

2 As to Tyner &c. – to close out this last piece of the old year.

Have I written that he was "deposed" by council at time of State Association? He was. – And he had previously been excluded from the Fla. Western Conf^{ce} on the proven charges of Embezzlement Lying and Forgery. – He at once became more violent in his threats &c towards me – and I – after consulting lawyers – advised him to cease threatening and "Baitin"

He has, it appears, become quiet. I think his sole object was to get more money out of me. The lawyers tell me the case is all clear. Also they are in West Fla. coming at Bro. Woodruff for the payment of the money due on the Church building debts. Bro. Woodruff has succeeded grandly in his subscriptions for this purpose. He knows all the facts in the case and has good judgment and I have left him the matter of disbursing this money and reporting to me. I write to ask that you forward ~~the money~~ to Rev. P. G. Woodruff, Westville Fla. the money due on those accepted orders of Mr Tyner's – viz one for $33.90 and the other accepted at $60.00. – These and the $93.90 as above.

Send

I am here till after Easter, having packed my table into my bag – as I've been disappointed in getting a supply.

Yours very truly S. F. Gale

[Gale Rev. S. F.]

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~~Jacksonville, Fla.,~~ 3-20- 1893
Palm Beach

Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.-
Dear Bro.-

I enclose marked letter from Rev. S. D. Paine, Sanford, Fla.- (All the letter is good)

He wants $100.00 and I recommend that he have it as soon as may be convenient.

The ch. asks $400- for 12 m. from Feb. 1.- Mr. Paine has served the church with remarkable success since Oct. 1st, but for bal. of last Miss'y year- forbore to ask aid - or the ch. did, with his free consent.-

Am getting a move on Cong'l interests here. I came in nick of time to aid our flock to stand in with the great Flagler boom.

Will be here two more Sundays.

Yours very truly
S. F. Gale

Rev. S. F. Gale 12924.

Palm Beach. Fla

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Recd adv. 125.
to Rev A. T. Fuller.
Mannfield. Fla.

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Recd dft 93.90 to
Rev. P. G. Woodruff,
Westville. Fla.

on E. S. Tyner a/c
[Notes 33.90 + 60.]

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[Gale, Rev. S. F.]

Sent

Palm Beach Fla.
3-22-'93

Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.

Dear Bro.

Some bad humor - or some poison is working in my face in a way that worries me. After breakfast - or as soon as the Dr. comes from over the Lake I will see what is the matter. I fear I am laid by a few days - with iodine paint - if nothing worse. So may have to go home without finishing here - I wanted so much to rally the Ch- and get them on the crest of the wave with this great boom. -

Please send to me at Jacksonville $80.00 I can if necessary draw on it here at once.

Yours very truly
S. F. Gale

Re: J. F. Gale 12925.

Jacksonville

Fla. Mch 20/93

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~~Wants 5~~

Recd 100 mass/a

to Rev. J. D Paine.

B J Keiley
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[Gale, E.]

Snd.

Rev. J. B. Clark. D.D.
Dear friend -
Will you send me a check for $85.00 ? Mr. Gale spent one day here after his month on the Indian River & has gone to Avon Park - Where the work opens - I am glad the season is about over - as our expenses are nearly double in the visiting &c - We all remain here this summer. Bessie is now able to walk with a cane after six months of crutches -

Yours -
Elizabeth T. Gale

April 10. '93
Jax. Fla.

Rev J. F. Gale 12926.
Jacksonville. Fla
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Wants dft 80
on a/c.

Mrs F. ~~A.~~ J. Gale 12928.
Jacksonville
Ala.

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Wants aft 85.

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S. F. Gale

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Gale, Mrs S. F. J

12929.

Dr. S. A. Gale
Jacksonville,
Ala.

Apr. 13/93
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Wants 100s.

by Telegraph

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le, Rev. S.F.] ?

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Jax Fla.
4-13-'93.

Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.
Dear Bro.—

I rolled into town today & find — for one thing — that Mrs. Gale's hair was turning white, as it were — because she did not receive the "collateral" to pay on our mortgage — and this unlucky 13th day — ; well, I at once telegraphed you for the amt. to be sent by wire — This will be a great accommodation indeed.—

She had expected the $100.00 from Sec. Moore of Conn. — and his word came yesterday that the lists of Supt.s with whom he is connected — have been changed — ~~that~~ that's all right of course — But while I was at Palm Beach she "nudged" my memory ~~to~~ to report

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to Sec. Moore — which I did — Tho' I had a dim idea that the Conn. commission was at an end (unless renewed) on Dec. 31st — However — Sec. Moore writes that the report was interesting &c. — !

I no sooner reached home from Palm Beach than my expected summons to Avon Park came — and I immediately went. — I had to make 38 miles overland on Sunday a.m. after 5 o'clock — But I had Sunday night services — and on Monday and Tuesday did the "howdying" &c. — Tuesday night came one of the prettiest victories I have seen in Fla. — in a fine new settlement — rapidly growing — a comprehensive Ch. of about 40 or 45 members (of six denominations) to start with — and a S.S. & a Y.P.S.C.E. &c.

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Jr. — the new town — will soon have a railroad. — This is one that is not a case of "another's foundation" — Tho' I fear that Bp. Gray will soon claim the English Episcopals.—

A hard ride thro' sand in the sun yesterday and all night and part of the morning in a car-seat — "bed shorter than that a man can stretch himself in it" — make me feel very much like a bath and a nap.—

Please charge to me the expense of wiring this money.—

Must add that I think Mrs. Gale is splendid in her management of "the temporalities" — and I have never before known her to take any "day of grace." — Yrs in ye G. S. F. Gale

Revd S F Gale

Jacksonville

Fla.

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Requesting telegram for money &c.

Mrs S. F. Gale 12930.
Jacksonville Fla
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Wants Apt. 48.
A. S. Gale —

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[Gale, Mrs. S.F.]

Sent #48 to Easthampton

Rev. J. B. Clark - D. D. -

Dear friend -

? Sec. Moore wrote they were assigned to other Supt. since Jan. 1st. On Feb. 4th your account to us renders Mr. Gale's from Jan. 1st as if he was still receiving from Conn. -

I mention it lest it be overlooked -

We are just changing our mortgage from ten per cent to eight -

and that will prove
quite a relief -
Will you please send
to Arthur S. Gale -
Williston Sem -
Easthampton -
Mass
a check for $48.00?
He is winning laurels
there & we must keep
him this year out -
Yours -
Elizabeth S. Gale -
April 25: 98
Jay. Fla -
Arthur would like
to have it by April 30th

[Gale, Rev. S. F.]

COCOANUT GROVE HOUSE
On Lake Worth.
E. N. DIMICK, Proprietor.

Pay & charge to Gen Exps

Palm Beach, Dade County, Fla., 3-28th 1893

Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.—

Dear Bro.—

I had Mr Saml. E. Mann of Methuen Mass.— make me a Fla. miss'y Map, including the islands &c.— for our ~~tenth~~ annual meeting— and used in showing, our own Fla. people even, the progress &c of these 10 years.— His price was $12.00 (I forgot this matter in my last report.)

If the Society can afford this for me very well; if not, all the same; in either case I should have the price. Please send him the $12.00, and (if so concluded) charge to me.—

I go home after next Sunday— Have done some work here (some for the Ch— and much besides) but not as I had hoped— since all of last week was ~~with~~ nil— while I was trying to keep daylight in my eyes---- having been terribly poisoned by some tree in these strange woods.—

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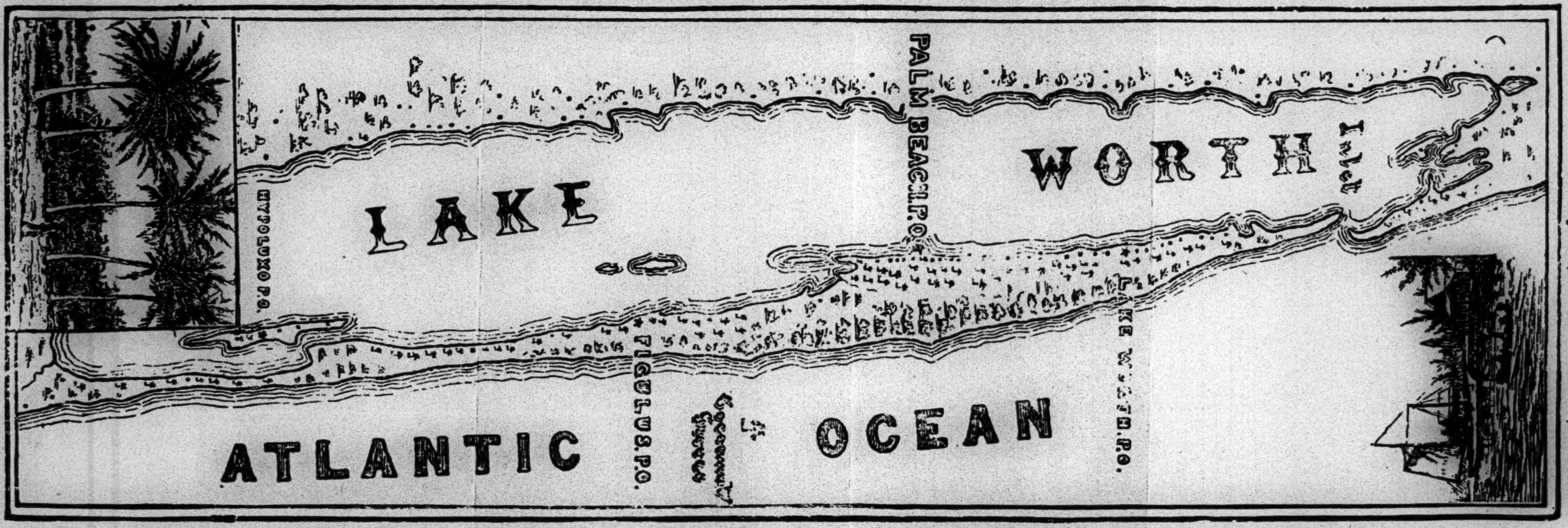

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COCOANUT GROVE HOUSE

On Lake Worth.

E. N. DIMICK, Proprietor.

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I am now pretty well over it:—

Great boom for this place. Mr. Flagler has bought here largely of the best at fabulous figures and will at once bring his East Coast railroad to this place, build a 500 room hotel &c &c.— And Palm Beach Ch.—— on these low latitudes — can say—— "Now is the winter of our discontent &c."—

Our lot is in just the right place— Our men here were in the Flagler move — so withheld contract to build parsonage, which they were ready to give out — and now they have some encouragement — from inside — that the Congregational "dish" may catch some of this shower of "porridge" The estimates of "Father" Dilley and the rest of us are justified. Also just the man must be on this field Sept. 15 '93. Who is he?

Start home after next Sunday

Yours ~~&~~

S. F. Gale

Daily mail —— only in name.

ale, Rev S. F.]

Rev. S. F. GALE, Supt.
AM. HOME MISS'Y SOCIETY,
For FLORIDA, ~~[illegible]~~
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Ans'd

Jax Fla. 3/1 - '93

Dr. J. B. Clark &c.

Dear Bro.—

Yours of 26th, inquiring as to Palm Beach, came to hand on Sat.—

I am very much surprised to hear ~~that~~ report comes to you ~~that that~~ church is ready to drop into the Presbyterian fold.— I cannot think ~~that~~ it is anything more than an echo of the report of a year ago or more. It is wholly new to me.—

I was disappointed by telegram at last by the Bro.— whom I had depended on to begin work in P. B. in Jan. last— or not later than Feb. 1.— So I packed my tools in my bag and spent a month at P. B. preaching— doing my work— and visiting amongst the people &c.— I heard nothing of this report. On the contrary I was satisfied

Rev S F Gale 12927.
Jacksonville Fla
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Order to pay S.E.
Mann. 12. for map

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[Gale, Rev. S. F.]

that our church would rise to the occasion, go ahead with this tremendous boom and "fill the bill" for a "non-episcopal" church for that community. (The P.E. ch. has crowded in upon us already.)

Our building Com., knew, from the inside, of the coming boom; and for this reason alone withheld contract for building parsonage. The site of new grand Flagler hotel was to be—and is—only a few hundred feet from our ch. lot. They might, amidst these changes, want to build church first—or a parsonage on another place, or possibly had not lot big enough for both ch. & parsonage such as are now required. And besides they hoped the new investors would come to their aid. I could but approve. The C.C.B.S. loan for parsonage had been renewed—since from absolute inability last summer to get lumber - the parsonage could not be built then as planned.

Encouragement had been given our people to approach Mr. Flagler - and this ~~they~~ did - drawing up a letter in such shape as the Agt. of Mr. F. for all ~~the~~ his Fla. interests had advised them to. And further - when to lift the subscription of funds for building the church edifice had begun with good zeal and hope. Now for ~~the~~ first time a number of our people had ~~stock~~ cash funds in place of property - valuable real estate.

It was ~~the~~ unanimous verdict ~~that~~ we should not attempt regular services during the summer. This year. The insect life of that region is not changed in summer by the boom in winter business &c. Besides more than ever before - greatly more - our people will be out and up north a considerable portion of the summer - And then the place would be very largely possessed by negro laborers. And the work would involve large cuts and fills in grading &c - creating - if possible (?) - malarious conditions &c. - So it was agreed that we should be on hand with a minister as soon as Oct. 1. This was satisfactory, evidently - and no protest at all. - I was satisfied, as I have said. -

I then secured a visit - and a Sunday's service by Dr. Harding of Ormond - who would improve the occasion to get material for a Lake Worth letter in the Springfield Republican. I enclose a note - which incidentally shows that he saw no defection or ~~with~~ it turning over to Presbytery -

I know, from reliable source, that our Southern Presb'n brethren in the State

him, to say it mildly - urged the Synodical
Missionary to get himself in and
up and down the east coast - where
they have no ch. ~~S.~~ south of St. Augustine -
and we have none - with all more
ready to organize. This may account
for his interfering - should I say it? -
without consultation with me at all
in two places on the east coast
where we have chs. already - his
work came to nothing so far as I
know: and in the third place -
P. B. - which he visited last year,
I expect the same result.

Of course we should not for a
moment think of surrendering
this point where we have been from
the first, spent so much, and now
have so splendid a prospect.

May add - that I gave the people
some encouragement - that I would

Some of our Ch. have "died" but none has "surrendered". I do not wish to see one do it.

I also send marked paper.

visit – Palm Beach in May or June –
I have it in mind – contrary to most
friendly advice – to visit there next
month to see what – if anything can
and should be done for the white Colonies
there this summer. But it seems
to me probable that the white forces
will be rushed down there early in
the autumn.

We have some ardent Congregationalists there, with whom I am
well acquainted. I have some dear
friends there – the Swayzes – whom I first
received to this Jax. Ch. – If there is
truth in the report, I am sure I
shall have reason to wonder
that I (and Dr. Harding) know nothing
of it.

I shall wish to be heard again,
of course, before you surrender, as I
have much ~~more~~ to say – Yours truly
E. E. Hale

[Gale, Rev. S. F.]

REV. S. F. GALE, Supt.
AM. HOME MISS'Y SOCIETY,
For FLORIDA, GEORGIA & ALABAMA,
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Jax Fla 5-2-'93

Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.

Dear Bro.

I could not make out March expense account without knowing what my board bill at Palm Beach was — and this I could not get when I left and did not receive till Apr. 13. — My point was to settle with proprietor and so get reduction —: did get very satisfactory reduction — I then waited to send the two months' acc'ts together. —

The household and expense account dictate request for $130 — as soon as may be convenient — sent to me here.

Yours in Xt

S. F. Gale

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Rev J. F. Gale
Jacksonville. Fla

May 2/93

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Rev S. F. Gale

Jacksonville

Fla.

May 1/93

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Respecting Palm Beach, & Lake Worth.

[S.F.]

[Rev. S. F. Gale, Supt.]
Am. Home Miss'y Society,
For Florida, Georgia & Alabama,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Sent
See last page

Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.—

Dear Bro—

I enclose Exp. acct. for May— of $19.87 — and $15.00 on gen'l Miss'y acct.— starting Rev. A. H. Gray into W. Fla. on trial trip &c.— This $15.00 is already charged to my expense acct.— it having been sent to Rev. S. P. Herrick on my request.—

My expense must be quite next month— including a trip to Key West.—

Must ask now, for this purpose, for $40.—

Mrs. Gale says her department requires $70— And our Arthur calls for $50— on last bills at Williston Sem.

So I come asking for $160.00 — ⊗

After this the sum advanced to me will, I am very confident, be brought speedily to adjustment.—

We have just made last payment on our Daughter Louisa's doctor bill

[Gale, Re

(Typhoid fever) of over #150.00 And our Bessie, more than 6 months from last Oct. on crutches and under surgeon's care — water on the knee — with Arthur's school expenses -- ~~taxes~~ and our outing last autumn — have been giving us a "pull" — but we are coming out right after a little. — In all the A.H.M.S. has been so good —

You are now in the work and joy of the Anniversary — God's blessing on it. —

Yours very truly
S. F. Gale

⊗ P.S. Please send #50.00 to
Mr. A. S. Gale, Easthampton, Mass.,
and to me #110.00

S. F. G. —

Rev. S F Gale 14261.
Jacksonville Fla
June 1893
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Wants dft 110.
Dft to A S Gale
Easthampton Mass 50

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[Gale, Rev. S.F.]

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BIBLE HOUSE, NEW YORK.
Rev. S. F. GALE, Superintendent for Florida.

Ans'd

~~Jacksonville~~, ~~Fla.~~, 5-23- 1893.
Bartow

~~Dr. J. B. Clark Sec.~~
~~Dear~~ Bro.-

Am on my way to Avon Park in DeSoto Co- to organize &c. I spent last night in Tampa-

A certain Rev. J. H. Gray- from the North originally- and recently of the M.E. Ch. So.- and now a member of our church in Tampa, well endorsed by Bro. Herrick, and, on so short acquaintance judged by myself, as well, to be of probable good service to us in West Fla.-- him I start this week to visit Bro. Woodruff at Crestview next Saturday- to be introduced, on trial, to our Crestview "Union"-- the Crestview, Campton, and Shoal River group of Chs. And this, also, after consultation last week with Bro. Woodruff- whom I went to W. Fla. to see about this and other matters.

D. B. COE, D. D., Hon. Sec.
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Bro. Herrick should have this first
my [illegible]

I deemed it best to send Mr. Gray at once so as to meet Bro. Woodruff at Crestview on Sat. & Sunday and get a favorable introduction. Bro. Herrick has advanced to Bro. Gray the necessary funds- $15.00- by arrangement with me. This amt. $15.00 please send at once to Rev. E. P. Herrick to reimburse him- and charge the same on our Gen. Miss'y account.

Had also full conference with Bro. H. about the Cuban helper.

It had been so long that we have been looking in vain to find the right man for helper, and deemed ~~not~~ probable ~~that~~ the new chapel would not be finished much before end of year- and ~~that~~ ~~till~~ then Bro. H. could carry the work as he has done, I felt, for these and other reasons, justified in not scheduling the Cuban work on a new scale. This is not at all to be thought of as any change in my estimate of the needs of the Cuban work-

Now, as the work has grown - and is assuming some aspects of emergency and urgency as never before, if this young man, Hernandez, of whom Bro. Herrick has written you - should prove to be the man as one worthy of trial, then, when this plain, whatever our ladies cannot raise for this purpose must be somehow supplemented by the A.H.M.S. I am quite inclined to think that this Hernandez is our man. Certainly Bro. Herrick - whose work is highly appreciated and who deserves the fullest sympathy - must not be allowed to break himself down under his double ~~fu~~ burden. I can make no definite recommendation till we know better about Mr. Hernandez. I want only to suggest that out of the A.H.M.S. national margin some sum be reserved for this possible necessary special grant.-

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A good deal the same as to our Palm Beach expenditure. I saw this week some old resident parties on their way North — others members as much interested in our church — one man is a leading trustee and one other of the party was his wife — a member. All claimed that we need not expend anything there (except in building) before autumn: that it would be well nigh impossible to doing in the summer; that many of the leading white men in there on the new works — hotel, R.R. &c. — are Roman Catholics. &c. — Our trustees are at work on purchase of a new lot — one agreeable to Mr. Flagler so as to secure his offer of $5,000.00 — &c. &c. — We have only a bit on schedule for this work — if it is spent in summer — What about the autumn and early winter work? (Our

them, toget
and printed statements for cir-

uly yours,
Officers of the
merican Home Missionary Society.

Bro. Woodworth is ready to give service at Palm Beach, and all around Lake Worth - during the month of July. He requires some sum as stipend ~~that~~ our Ch. (Jax.) pays him - $144.00 He would raise some money by his readings &c. - but still it would cost us (A.H.M.S.) probably $150.00 for his month's work -

Do you advise this, if it fully develops ~~that~~ it is necessary? This would premise ~~that~~ a small special for Palm Beach should be made by the Ex. Com. - to carry the work up to time when next apportionment will be available. - I hardly think it will be necessary to get a ~~tent~~ for Palm Beach summer work - ~~Still~~ I am in somewhat doubt - by reason of ~~the~~ conflicting judgments I get - ~~that~~ I now expect early in June to visit P. Beach again. -

I am anxious about schedule - but suppose I should have heard from you if you had changes &c. to suggest. -

It is .... hot - and I write on my knee - at as steady a corner as I can find -

Yours very truly S. F. Gale

[Halliday, Joseph C.]

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Reports, in giving statistics, **SHOULD NOT, BY ANY MEANS,** be confined to them. By what they furnish, when published in *The Home Missionary* and elsewhere—incidents, thoughts, experiences of every sort, dark or bright, connected with missionary life and work—the hearts of Christian people are touched and their prayers and gifts drawn forth. Brethren in the field! you certainly should see this need, and do your best to meet it. For further suggestions, see p. 4th of "Commission." One of these sheets is sent for each quarter covered by the Commission. But no missionary having any possibly available material to contribute should feel at all restricted. *After filling these three pages, let him still draw upon his own supplies.*

Name of Missionary, Joseph C. Halliday.

P. O. Address, Orange City Florida

Report for Quarter ending March 31, 1893.

Date of this Letter, April 1st. 1893.

Dear Brethren. This report, is for the last quarter in the pastoral year: The outlay of labor & time for the Quarter just ended, has been heavy: the apparent income light: ~~[illegible]~~ In some respects, it has been a pleasant three months: Congregations were never better: House filled every Sabbath, or nearly so: The Congregation ranging from 75, to 125. S.S. & prayer meetings interesting and well attended. We organized in January, a society of Christian Endeavor which has interested our young people somewhat: The Sabbath evening attendance is larger than at an evening preaching service, The pastor is present, and if there is a gap during the hour he is expected to fill it; or if at the close there are 10 or 15 minutes not used, he is supposed to be on hand to improve those minutes: While, there is no regular sermon, the work

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Rev. S. F. Gale

Jacksonville

Fla.

May 22/93

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Respecting Cuban work and missionaries

of the pastor is ~~he~~ made easier, only in the fact of a change. Thoughtful preparation for an emergency keeps the brain & heart at work, In the early part of Feb. we had an evangelist here - a woman - a good preacher - & I should say as fully consecrated to her work & Master as any one I ever saw. She held services in our church for 8 days: Bible readings in P.M. Preaching in the evening: ~~But~~ She held also a childrens service: People were a good deal interested - Some members of the ch. were brought to reconsecrate themselves to God: Some of the unsaved, were brought under conviction - they could not *hide that*, but so far as I know no one decided for Christ. To make a break in the ranks of the unconverted in this place, is in my experience a difficult matter. It was evident from the start, to the close of the meetings, that the evangelist was gaining in her hold on the people: and so I think if she could have staid longer, apparent results might have been different, but she had her engagements made ahead, and so had to leave. There has been I hope one conversion this Quarter, but that occurred before the coming of the evangelist. I have in my hands the letter of a husband and wife for admission to this ch., but for some reason they prefer to wait a while before coming in, and so I am obliged to wait. Aside from the lack of conversions, I do not know that there is any thing that troubles me in the ch. or congregation.

Sincerely yours J. C. Shattuck

Our contribution to the A. H. M. S. was $50.00: I sent in the name of Dea. S. M. Roberts to be made a life member. I sent my letter & think to Rev. Bro Coate, inasmuch as I had met him at Jacksonville, & gave him the money. J. C. S.

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Do not fill the blanks below.
Leave that to New York office.

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Write nothing between these lines.

Write nothing between these lines.

Rev. Joseph C. Halliday,
Orange City,
Fla.

Date, Apr. 1, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr. 1, 1893.

Collection, $ —

Due, $ 75 ..

July 11/92.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached.................30
" prayer-meetings attended.................20
" Sunday-school sessions attended.................13
" In what capacity?.................Teacher
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made.................46
" funerals attended.................0
" marriages solemnized.................0
" largest congregation.................125 a 130
" average congregation.................90
" average attendance at prayer-meetings...21
" average attendance at Sunday-school....37
" hopeful conversions.................1
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft.................$0

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions.................$75.00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter.................$106.25

What new opening for preaching? 0
" " a church? 0
" " a Sunday-school? 0

[Hardaway, G.W.]

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G. W. Hardaway
St Petersburg
Fla.
Filed 3708
Apr 17/93
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Respecting
increase of
salary.

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Ans'd

St. Petersburg, Florida.,
April 7, 1893.

Secretaries A. H. M. S.,
New York, N. Y.,
Brethren:

I write this to state that my application to the Society for Missionary grant was sent to bro. Yale on 27th March with instructions to forward to head quarters promptly. To-day I rec'd a communication from him that it had not yet been forwarded because he had not been at home to receive it. I mention this that you may understand that it left me early enough to come within prescribed limits as to time.

I have a wife and three children — little girl that will soon be eleven

years old, a little boy that is 8 years
old and a little boy that is five
years old. It is becoming necessary
for me to do more for their education
than my financial income has justified
since I have been in this field. I
received last year $\$400^{00}$ from the Society
and $\$100^{00}$ from the Church in money,
making in all 500^{00}. More than \$50 of
that was paid for furniture & doctor's bill.
I received no Missionary box last year as
I did the year before. Blanks were
sent me to fill out and return, all
of which was done according to instructions.
Brother Gale wrote to me yesterday,
inquiring about a blank of that kind
filled out that was sent him a year ago.
He is not always plain in what
he writes, but from the way he writes
as far as I am able to read, it
seems that he lost it and is now
troubled to find it twelve months
after date. His reference to it is
wholly voluntary, for I never

inquired about it. As I stated last year the cost of living in this part of Florida, it is not necessary to go into details again. It will require $\$800^{00}$ for a man with my sized family to live by economical management. I make an application to the Board this year for $\$500^{00}$. With what the Church proposes ~~that~~ the prospective salary will fall considerably below $\$800^{00}$. It is impossible for me to clothe and educate ~~my family~~ ~~educate~~ my children with what I have been receiving and obtain a sufficient quantity of wholesome food with the cost that attaches to everything in this Country. In a poor Community like this there is nothing in the way of perquisites coming in to supplement a preacher's allowance like there is in a wealthy Congregation.

The demand upon the pulpit is as much here it is anywhere in Florida. The pastor is required to preach twice every Sunday to the same Congregation besides doing a full amount of every other kind of work. I have no other resource for a living but the ministry and must devote my whole time to the work at this point in order to serve it effectually. I have taken in between 40 and fifty members during the two years that I have been here. The best material taken in has been received within the last two or three months. There is much transient element in this state and quite a number have been dismissed since my pastorate. This accounts for the church not always appearing as much strengthened by new gains as we would expect.

Out of the 40 members that I have taken in, two were presbyterians, two were Baptist, one a Congregationalist, one from a Catholic family. All the balance come from the Methodist. Only one Congregationalist has come to St. Petersburg since I have been here and he moved away after staying three months. This proves what I told you in New York last summer, that if the Congregationalist Church builds extensively in many parts of the United States, it must build out of Methodist material.

I shall take a Foreign missionary collection in my Church next Sunday; Home missionary collection later on.

Yours truly, G. W. Hardaway.

[Hardaway, G.W.]

Sent at rate of $375 a year fr. Feb 9 '93

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St. Petersburg, Fla.,
May 16, 1893.

Secretaries A. H. M. S.,
New York, N.Y.,
Brethren:

I enclose you my quarterly report for the first quarter of the present year ending May 9, 1893.

I have not yet received any renewal of Commission. Hence I do not know what Socity would be due me. As my funds are exhausted, I should be glad to get a remittance. All facts necessary to be stated with reference to my work are given in report.

Yours truly
G. W. Hardaway.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Reports, in giving statistics, **SHOULD NOT, BY ANY MEANS,** be confined to them. By what they furnish, when published in *The Home Missionary* and elsewhere—incidents, thoughts, experiences of every sort, dark or bright, connected with missionary life and work—the hearts of Christian people are touched and their prayers and gifts drawn forth. Brethren in the field! you certainly should see this need, and do your best to meet it. For further suggestions, see p. 4th of "Commission." One of these sheets is sent for each quarter covered by the Commission. But no missionary having any possibly available material to contribute should feel at all restricted. *After filling these three pages, let him still draw upon his own supplies.*

Name of Missionary, Geo. W. Hardaway

P. O. Address, St. Petersburg, Florida

Report for Quarter ending May 9 18 93

Date of this Letter, May 16 18 93

This report includes the first ~~of~~ quarter of my third year's pastorate at St. Petersburg. During that quarter, I have met all my appointments and made more addresses outside of my regular work than any quarter since I have been on the field. There have been more deaths and more funerals to attend than any quarter since my residence in the Community. One of my most prominent members, the mayor of the town, died on the 10th of April. I had just received him into the Church the previous quarter. He was a man of intelligence and liberality, a lawyer by profession and bid fair to be of great service to the Church. He died of apoplexy of the heart expiring almost instantly and his death was much lamented.

There were cases of sickness and deaths outside of my own people to which I gave attention that could not well be included in my report. Among them was a Catholic lady at whose bedside I made prayer in her last hours and the amen of my prayer was uttered as she drew her last breath. Her circumstances were such that my wife had to nurse her in her sickness and shroud her after she died.

With the month of May, warm weather has come upon us and all the Northern visitors have left, so that we have now little more than an average summer congregation.

The number added this quarter is four (4), two on Confession and two by letter. Our first quarterly collection for A. H. M. S. was taken up last Sunday, but many of our members being absent, will not be concluded till next Sabbath. That is why no account is given of it in statistical column.

We took up a collection for A. B. C. F. M. this quarter amounting to $12.86, which amount was forwarded to Langdon S. Ward, treasurer.

I have not received renewal of commission and hence do not know what the A. H. M. S. is due. Times are very tight here with us and I should be glad of a remittance.

Believing that this will be the most prosperous of all the years,

I am yours truly,

G. W. Hardaway.

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Do not fill the blanks below.
Leave that to New York office.

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Rev. Geo W. Hardaway

St. Petersburg,

Fla

Date, May 16, 1893

Report for Quarter

ending May 9 1893

Collection, $ –

Due, $ 93 75/–

May 20

Write nothing between these lines.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached........................ 26
" prayer-meetings attended.................. 12
" Sunday-school sessions attended.......... 13
" In what capacity?....................
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made.................... 171
" funerals attended....................... 5
" marriages solemnized....................
" largest congregation.................... over 100
" average congregation.................... over 40
" average attendance at prayer-meetings... 12 or 14
" average attendance at Sunday-school.. 35 or more
" hopeful conversions.....2............ 0
" added to church on conf., 2 by letter, 2
" members died, 1 dismissed, 1 excluded,

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft..........................$ +

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions..........................$

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter..........................$

What new opening for preaching?

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

+ Collection taken last Sabbath to be completed next Sabbath. Hence not included in this.

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[ORMOND]

[Harding, John]

Ormond Fla. May 1. 1893.

Ans

Dear Bro. Clark:

You will have to look sharp after Lake Worth. It is as you say an "important post", strategic in view of the rapid development of Southern Florida. There really ought to be a bright, tactful man there this summer to look after the few permanent residents, to visit from house to house, organize a Sunday School and particularly an adult Bible class. There should be tent preaching on the Ocean bluff, or alternately on the Lake Shore at certain points. There will be gathered in canal, railroad, and building work several hundred laborers, and many of them skilled workmen, intelligent mechanics, etc. The Episcopal minister, Mr Mulford, a good pastor, very winning, but not strong in the pulpit, has a Summer

P.S. You probably are aware that the J. St. A. and Indian River will go through to Lake Worth by next January and a 500 room hotel, the Royal Poinciana will be finished about that time.

Church in the Adirondac
Now in this situation, a youn
Some Seminary Senior, or first class lay preacher. One who knows men and affairs might do ~~an~~ excellent work preparatory to a permanent incumbent. It is a bad state of things for all these people to be left shepherdless. Vigorous search should be made at once for such a man. He would be worth considerable cost in view of the coming situation. You must not rely on Bro. Gale to find him. He has too many irons in the fire. Perhaps you could find him in New York or at Hartford, Yale, Northfield, Chicago, somewhere, the right man for the exigency must be. "Seek and you shall find" & I will help you if I can. Between us. Mr Flagler has offered $5000 to help in building Church & parsonage and I doubt not will do more, *if* the right man is found, and the thing is soon taken hold of, man fashion.

The "Synodical Missionary" you speak of is an eager little man, who, it was hinted to me would probably not object to be the coming pastor himself. This may not be so, and may be so. He has been on the ground, and is not altogether possessed by a "delusion". Don't wait very long for Bro Gale unaided.

Yours confidentially
J.W.H.

Ormond Fla. April 19. 1893

My dear Brother Clark,

I have sent our Ormond "application" to Bro. Gale. Things here in good shape with a promising outlook.

I want to talk with you confidentially about Lake Worth, or "Palm Beach" the locality of the Congregational Church. I spent last week there, preached in the school house to a congregation good both in number and quality, and again in the afternoon to another school house full on the West side of the lake. The situation is this. The Episcopalians have the lead and the social prestige under an excellent man Mr Mulford with a keen eyed helpmeet, Mrs M. a thorough

"Churchwoman". He owns a fine rectory, preaches at the Adirondacks in the summer, has means of his own, a good man for the place, and particularly in social adaptability, but not remarkable as a preacher. There are enough people there who fall into the Episcopal line at present, but prefer a more spontaneous and aggressive and progressive style of religion.

The Congregational Church preempted the ground under Missionary Dilley but have been unfortunate in their ministers thus far. Dilley got disaffected and left them in a pet taking the original records with him, which have never been returned. Mr Clark, no relative of yours I think, did them much injury by his harum scarum, club-house, undevout and flippity ways.

They have lacked good leadership & proper organization badly. Brother Gale has promised and promised & forgotten. Well, I hate to blame good brother Gale, for he is altogether kind and genial and well meaning, but he is somewhat - scattering & scattered. I guess you know about what I mean. He doesnt concentrate and finish up. They have got more or less dissatisfied with his incon-secutive ways. They are about ready to drop into the Presbyterian fold, and will do it unless somebody gathers up the stitches "right soon", as they say down here. They have a good church lot fronting on the lake and extending through to the ocean, near to the great Flagler hotel grounds, new bank etc, very favorably situ-ated, better than the Episcopal lot.

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They need [illegible] John. W. Hardin

ergetic tactful man and a [illegible] preacher to rally about. There is a remarkable opening there. Mr Flagler is laying large plans, hurrying down his R.R., will open up the country beyond to Biscayne Bay, & probably connect with Nassau & [illegible] W. India island districts at deep water. Lake Worth is bound to be a great tourists place. Very large investments have been recently made there.

Now, I wish that you would write at once a private letter to Mr Dewey, Clerk of the Church and I should say, the leading man, at least one of the most influential, and ask him to give you his view of the situation. You can do it without mentioning me or Bro. Gale. Get it at first hands. If you want to retain our Congregational prestige there, something should be done soon to clear up things. When Bro. Gale will get to it is uncertain. All this inter nos. and not intending any interference with his business —

Yours cordially
John W Harding.

John. W. Harding

Ormond
Fla.

Apr 19/93

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Respecting Palm Beach church.

[Harding, John W.]

Ormond Fla. May 8th 1893.

Dear Bro. Clark

Yours of May 4th with copy of yours to Bro. Gale received I hope that between him and you the right man will soon be found for Palm Beach. It surely is an important opportunity. I enclose a copy of my letter to Mr Flagler. He is an important factor in the case, and I hope and pray that the Lord may incline him to be helpful and not Presbyterianally otherwise.

Our application from Ormond Church was forwarded to Bro. Gale some time ago. It contained a "report" up to date as full as it seemed to me necessary. I am elected pastor for the ensuing year and expect to return for early work after Summer vacation meanwhile doing something by correspondence, especially with Y.P.S.C.E.

Mr Stanton, resident Methodist minister, a good & judicious man, will probably be engaged to preach Sunday mornings, as last Summer.

When do you leave New York for Saratoga? I want to see you at the Rooms on my way home. I leave here on the 22d and attend Hampton Anniversary on the 25th.

Yours very truly,
John W. Harding

Copy

Ormond Fla. May 8th 1893.

Dear Mr Flagler:

Please find enclosed my Springfield Republican letter from Lake Worth.

Permit me also to suggest that from what I observed there and heard from leading men like Capt. Dimmick and Mr F. S. Dewey, there is pressing need of more religious effort there during this Summer in looking after the working force, as well as the stated residents among whom will be many intelligent men, some of them perhaps bringing their families.

There should be, I think, a bright, tactful, earnest Christian worker there as soon as possible, to visit the people, address them on Sundays and other times, organize a Sunday School including an adult Bible Class, hold tent meetings on the beach and at other convenient places, in the present lack of suitable audience rooms, in a word, gather up the opportunities for religious work as preparatory for more permanent organization, later on. Mr Mulford, the Episcopal minister, who seems to be an excellent and useful man spends the summer in the Adirondacks, so there will be no regular and thoughtful work there in the interim.

The American Home Missionary Society officials agree with me in favoring the above sugquition, and I shall confer with them about it at the Bible House on my way home the last week in May

Would you favor our intention to secure the right man at once, and put him at work there, and meantime looking out for a permanent minister who ought to be carefully selected in view of the coming development of that place and adjacent region.

You speak in your letter to me of April 16th of the location intended for the Union Church as being "too far from the new hotel site". As I remember it, the distance is not far, being near the new bank and very much nearer than the Episcopal site now being prepared for their new

Church. Mr Dewey informs me that it will be difficult to secure a better loccation on the lake front on account of the cost. One might be found perhaps on an intersecting avenue between the lake and the ocean, but it would have the disadvantage of not being so cool and airy, and of losing the fine water outlook.

Yours very truly

John W. Harding

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John W. Harding
Ormond
Fla.
May 8/93

67. Respecting Palm Beach. Copy of letter sent to Mr Flagler

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ck. $39.

Ormond Fla. May 20. 1893

Rev A H Clapp D.D. Tr

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed check for $ 39.56 (Merchants Union Bank, Jacksonville) and send receipts therefor to Mrs E. L Pinkerton Treasurer of Ormond Union Church for $ 27.03; to Mrs L M Murray Treasurer of Ormond Church Ladies Missionary Society, for $10.00; to Miss Ella Foulke, Treasurer of Ormond Christian Endeavor Society. for $ 2.53.

Yours very truly
(Rev.) John W. Harding

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Rev. J. W. Harding
Ormond,
Fla.

May 20/93.

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Ck. $39.56

Rev. E. P. Herrick 12539.

Tampa,
Florida.

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Respecting Cuban Chapel.

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Dear Dr

Laus Deo — A friend in Ct whom I met on the Steamer was interested in the Cuban work writes me today that he & his wife will build the chapel advancing $1000. He wishes me to build at once. Now we must buy a whole lot $555. So the work develops & God raises up new friends.

Praise him

Yrs Sincerely

E P Herrick

I suppose that the Cols will see that my application is in in time

[Herrick, E. P.]

Ans

Tampa Mch 24th 1893

Rev J. B Clark

Dear Brother

No light on the helper question yet. It must be that He who is smiling upon our work, raising up kind friends to minister to its needs, has an assistant ready

How about his support? Can you not make a special appropriation for our mission, to be used for the helpers support

Surely the work will not progress unless such a man is found

Can you not have it in mind when the appropriation is made for Fla?

How is he to be supported in case the right man is found?

Am sorry that the money was not sent through the the Fla Womans H. M. U — The ladies feel that it is a gift to the Cch Building Socy & not to our Mission. We could have got it from the C. B. S without Mrs P.'s gift just as well. One says "unless they carry out their policy and we agree to it, they can have no lien on the building & if it is put up on our land.

the land holds the building

How can we get the money through th
C. B. S. There is no church organization & th
is required. not one of the conditions can
we fulfil We are just where we were
before the gift if it cannot be made
available." Mrs Barrows

Perhaps Mr — Mrs
will withdraw it from the C. B. S. and
suffer it to go through the Fla or H. M
Would Cobb feel it?

Commission rec'd—
Accept thanks— I I believe ~~that the~~
present will be a memorable year in the
history of the Immanuel Mission

Am happy in my work.
We keep well, and are cheered by tokens of
the Divine approval. Have about concluded
a series of revival meetings

Perhaps you can use the enclosed
article in the Home Missionary to awaken
interest In case you cannot please ~~either~~
either to return it to me or send it to
Dr S. E. Herrick of Mt Vernon cch
Boston for use in his cch

Sincerely Yours

E. P. Herrick

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Rev E. P. Herrick

Tampa,
Florida

Mch 24/93

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Respecting Cuban work and Spanish missionary

Easter, 1893.

"Christ is Risen."

First Congregational Church,

TAMPA, FLA.

Rev. E. P. Herrick, Pastor.

Calendar for Week from April 1st to 7th.

SUNDAY: 9:30 a. m., Sunday School Session.
10:45 a. m., Hymns 215, 240, 204 Church Book.
Easter Sermon; Text: St. Luke 24: 1-3—
"Love's Unused Gifts."
2:45, Cuban Immanuel Mission at Ybor City:
Sunday School session; exercises in Spanish.
6:30 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. Subject, "The Resurrection."
7:30 p. m., Easter Concert by Sunday School;
choice music, remarks, recitations.

TUESDAY: ~~7:30 p. m., "Christ's Recorded Appearanc~~es."

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 p.m., "The Uses of Prayer;" Heb. 4: 16.

THURSDAY: 7:30 p. m., "Our Lord's Final Appearances."

Bible School at 7 p. m. each Evening.

"He endured the Cross and Grave
Sinners to redeem and save."

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[Herrick, E.P.]

QUARTERLY REPORT.

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Name of Missionary, Edward P Herrick

P. O. Address, Tampa. Fla Box 394

Report for Quarter ending Mch 31st 1893

Date of this Letter, Apr 5th 1893

Your Missionary devoutly recognizes the Divine presence and cooperation in the developments of the past quarter.

Opportunities like Angels at Dothan have visited us. Foundations have been laid on which fair and lasting structures are to rise. Endeavoring to unify and compact a community of spiritual lives into an organic corporation which shall be increasingly influential in this community we have not been without tokens of the Divine favor. Our Prayer meetings have deepened in interest. Bible study has been enthusiastically pursued. although the attendance has not been all that could be desired

Our S.S has grown. At the last concert 210 persons were present

Our Y. P. S. C. E is a benediction to the church. It has steadily grown and attracted to its meetings those of other churches which have no such society. It is destined to have much to do in the shaping of the future of our church.

A Cuban S.S has been organized in the 4th ward of the city which has an enrolment of 40. The teaching is all in Spanish. At our last concert 14 of the children came in and sang very sweetly two Spanish hymns to the great delight of the people.

The princely gift of an anonymous friend, $1000, which will enable us to build a chapel will greatly facilitate the work. We meet in a forlorn little cottage. This work so auspiciously begun amongst the Hispano Americans is a little rill which we trust will soon grow to a mighty river.

Looking for indications of the Divine cooperation we can say heartily "Surely God is in the field."

An assistant is needed at once but cannot be found.

The church closed Jan 1st the current fiscal year without any deficit except 1800. due on parsonage, which amount will be paid when that amount promised by a friend recently deceased is actually paid.

We have held many extra meetings at which backsliders have been reclaimed christians quickened. and new vitality imparted

We have every reason to feel encouraged at the outlook

Our church though small is increasingly influential in the community.

Congregationalism is no longer an experiment in Fla.

Our work is gaining momentum.

We are confident that our Zion is on the eve of great enlargement

We believe that God has great blessings in store for us.

We occupy one of the strategic points in Fla. This scion of the Pilgrim Faith & Polity is planted in a "city" destined to become the Metropolis of the Western coast. The first quarter of 1893 has opened well ours is the inspiration that comes from increasing numbers. and deepening enthusiasm.

We labor to make this a year of God's Redeemed.

Yours

E P Herrick.

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Leave that to New York Office.

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Rev. Edward P. Herrick,
Box 394,
Tampa,
Fla

Date, Apr 5, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr. 1st 1893

Collection, $ 27 50/100

Due, $ 47 50/100

Mar. 6/93.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached. 23
" prayer-meetings attended. 12
" Sunday-School sessions attended 20
" In what capacity? Supt & Teacher
" baptisms: adult, 3 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made. 75
" funerals attended 2
" marriages solemnized 2
" largest congregation. 175
" average congregation. 120
" average attendance at prayer-meetings. 25
" average attendance at Sunday-school. 41
" hopeful conversions. Not Known
" added to church on conf., 4 by letter, 1
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft ~~27.50~~ $ 27.50

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions $ 47.50

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter $ 225.

What new opening for preaching?
" " a church?
" " a Sunday-school? One in 4th ward

Rev E. P. Herrick
Tampa 13158.
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Apr 18/93
67.
Respecting Chapel.

[Herrick, E.P.]

Tampa Apr 18 93

To
Rev J B Clark

Dear Friend.

Yours rec'd.

We have engaged the other half of the lot the Chapel plan is decided on. and we shall call for bids this week.

It is probable that it will cost 1300. or 1400. to finish such a chapel as we need.

Bro Pierce's generous gift will doubtless be supplemented by other gifts. "Supply creates further demands" New Milford has done nobly they gave their Easter offering to the

Ybor well. $64.66. the ladies added $60. another member offered to paint it. So we have or shall have in all $ ~~220~~, $210. from ~~that~~ Cuban church

Our S.S is still growing. We've had nine new scholars the last two sabbaths which brings our enrolment up to 49.

What will become of the work if an assistant is not forthcoming? I go out when I do not feel physically able to do it. Would you advise me to take one of another order in case a Congregationalist cannot be found. For several reasons I would prefer not to take a Methodist. Baptist or Episcopalian.

Our church is prospering. Twenty families worship with us who were not with us a year ago.

Scores of new families from every part of the U.S are pouring in. We shall have to built a new church soon.

A M.E. local preacher of excellent character has joined our church. Bro Gale will send him to W Fla His name is J. H Gray.

27.000 Methodists in Fla 1700 Congregationalists but we are leavening the lump

Yrs Sincerely

E P Herrick

[Herrick, E. P.]

Ans'd

Tampa May 23d 93

Rev J. B Clark
Dear Doctor

Yours rec'd.

Bro Gale is visiting me. I've conferred with him. Every cent of the $12,500 apportioned to Fla is spoken for. So it seems that our Cuban work is likely to be unprovided for unless you make a special grant.

The ladies have about all they can stagger under in finishing the Chapel. There will be continued expense after salary of assistant is provided for

Ans'd

[Herrick, E. P.]

Tampa Jany 16th '93

Rev J B Clarke

Dear Friend.

It seems now that we are on the track of a helper. Calling on a friend a few days ago I met a bright eyed. open faced. young Cuban who wishes to be my Cuban helper He is one of Diaz's converts. Has studied for seven years. Has preached in Havana Is an ardent patriot having organized 15 patriotic societies He is not a narrow or bigoted Baptist. explaining to him our Doctrines & Polity he thought that he would be in accord with us.

I've been encouraged to believe that if the helper should appear the aid would be forthcoming. For 45. or 50. per month we can secure the services of Mr Hernandez. He needs to be in training preparatory to the work ~~when~~ which will take on new life when the chapel is completed in the Fall.

The Fla Union is paying $3.25 weekly for the services & rent of Miss Secchi & her house. She is an invaluable helper & will be needed for months to come. Now to expect them to take upon them $12. per week additional is too much to expect of the Fla ladies. Could not the A.H.M.S pay one half of Mr H's salary the ladies raising the other half?

I enclose Mrs Barrows letter.

No letter enclosed

Will Dr Clapp send my wife's letter which was to have been published in the H. Miss'y. to Mrs N. A Barrows Winter Park. She can use it this summer in the North

The work here has come to a crisis. I must have a helper or it will suffer. I have not the time or strength to push it.

Helpers are scarce. Mr H seems to have special gifts for this work

Can you not come to our aid

Yrs Sincerely E. P Herrick

He thinks the Baptists
too narrow.
Seems willing to be taught.
He came to our S.S. last Sunday
and made a good address
His wife is a Protestant.
Has been an Episcopalian.
an excellent player
They are young not over
24 years old
He had a long talk with
me yesterday and my impressions
on the whole are very
favorable. He needs
further intellectual and much
spiritual training, but I
do believe that he will
develop into a valuable
helper.
He seemed to be free from
mercenary motives.
All he expects is an economical
support and is willing to
work for nothing if he remains

in the factory.

He wishes me to write to Diaz and other parties who know him.

Says he has been accustomed to speak to audiences of 300 and 400 persons.

He went to Key West last evening. His wife's home. Will you guarantee his support or a part of it?

Have promised to write him after hearing from you.

Is it best to set him to work at once or to wait until Fall when we have a fine Chapel in which to meet? meanwhile instructing and preparing him for his work.

We are paying Mrs Secchi 9.25 weekly now and need her to keep our S.S together

Mr Hernandez speaks English.

Shall I encourage him to believe that we may possibly employ him?

Some other Denomination will secure his services if we do not.

We have no travelling expenses to provide for in his case as he is on the ground.

If I ascertain after corresponding that he is a young man of character & skill you authorize me to try him for a season?

I fear that the work will retrograde if a helper is not obtained. I cannot do it justice

Awaiting your reply

I am Yours Sincerely

E P Herrick

[Mather, Wallace]

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Name of Missionary, Wallace E Mather

P. O. Address, Philips Florida

Report for Quarter ending Apr 30 1893

Date of this Letter, May 24 1893

Dear Brother Kincaid

I have considerable hesitation in making this report for several reasons. First we have had no response to the application "for aid" for the church, which was made last Feb; and second because I have been sick and obliged to give up work at the end of the quarter. I was taken sick in March and left so enfeebled that it was clear I could not go on. and for the last six weeks of the quarter I preached some and got a substitute when I could not. Since then I

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Rev E. P Herrick

Tampa

Fla.

May 16/
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Respecting Spanish
Missionary

have given myself to light out of door work and am much better again. The Lord has been very good to us in many ways In the great kindness of the people and also in the fact that I have got a little home of my own just ready to go in to. I decided last fall that as there was no parsonage and no satisfactory house here, that I would build one which would help solve a problem both for the church and ourselves. And when I was sick and obliged to give up work, still it kept us from the homeless feeling. Now we have been in it about a fortnight and the fixing it up seems the best of medicine for me.

I hardly know what to hope for as to ability to work regularly again. The church decides not to make any regular engagement with any minister for the present. The people are giving away more than usual this year. and the number left is very small. We have service every sunday now. by several of us taking some part. and I hope to preach once a month. But as to my relation to the Home Missionary Society. I consider that it ended at the end of this quarter. i.e. the 30. Apr If I am able to go to work here or anywhere in the Fall I may seek to renew it. But for the present I can not do a missionary's work.

The kindness of the people here has been very great. almost everybody in the place. helping us about the house or in some way or other — You know I had a good people in Paris. but I have never, there or anywhere. had a greater measure of neighborly kindness than here.

Now as the application for aid was made in good faith that I should continue to work through the year. I suppose the Society will recognize my relation to the church as their missionary for the first quarter of the year. and I make this report

out as though the grant which
we asked for, which is the same
as last year, had been granted.
Will you go through the form
of making out the full Commission
and having me resign it?
Fix it as you like at any rate

I am sorry this report is
so much, of myself personally. &
of what I have not done. but
I believe I have done my best.
And perhaps something of the
work may be given back to me
to do yet after a time.
It would give us much pleasure
to see you in our home again
sometime.

Cordially Yours.

W E Mather

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Rev. Wallace E. Mather

Philips,

Fla.

Date, May 24, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending May 1 1893

appli'n on hand meeting Jan 5/93

Collection, $ —

Due, $ 75.

Gives up work on field

Resigned May 1

Hand to Dr. Clark

~~May 29~~

Write nothing between these lines.

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Write nothing between these lines.

[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

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Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft......$

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions......$ 75.—

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter......$

What new opening for preaching?

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

No. of sermons preached......
" prayer-meetings attended......
" Sunday-school sessions attended......
" In what capacity?......
" baptisms: adult, infant,
" pastoral visits made......
" funerals attended......
" marriages solemnized......
" largest congregation......
" average congregation......
" average attendance at prayer-meetings......
" average attendance at Sunday-school......
" hopeful conversions......
" added to church on conf., by letter,
" members died, dismissed, excluded,

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Plesent Grove

I feel like it would be well for me to write
a few lines about the heare I am here amang
very Poor people almost all of them burning
Charcole for thier living when I Came here there
war no Sabath School and there is no Public School
the peopl are very Ignorant Scarsly any that Can
reed I have gon amang them and found them
in need of the necessaries of life I have laberd
amangst them little over a year as all the other
Churches in this Field are poore too and Shmol
and are pressed financical by there Church Building
I Can not expect much for ther help nither for
my own Suport and there is no House for worship
there we meet in a prived house which has been fitted
up for public worship I think it will be a lang
time befor the people here will be able to help
them Selfs and give anything to our Suport
I have been talking of leeving them but with
tears in there Eys they have been beseaching
me not to forsake them so by the grace of God
we will do all in our Power to try and
get a house of Worship of some Kind
hoping the Lord will Bless our laber

[Miller, Louis]

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While Myself and Wife have don Consedribly traveling for this quarter by Watter and while absent from home we lift our little belongings and our Gospel horse in the Charge of some nabers how promist to Care of them for us not witstanding after our arivel at home we found that our Gospel Horse was gon we do not Know weder he run a way or weder Stolen from us this was nerly three Months ago and never heard one Word from him and we are very much trubel becouse we are to poor to get a nother the little Salery and the little which we Con get fromthe Churches is just anought to hold Buckel and Belt together will not som Kind Friends of Missions Simpatis with us and help us to get a nother Gospel Horse for we are Strugling very hard I am very sory to ask for aid from some Friends but we must have it may the good Lord put it in the harts of Some how are able to help us

Yours Freternaly

Louis Miller

Will you Kindly remitt the Money now due me
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[Miller, Louis]

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Name of Missionary, Louis Miller
P. O. Address, Bagdad Fla
Report for Quarter ending May 15 the 1893
Date of this Letter, May 14 the 1893

Dear Brethren I will add to my report March the 25 inst My self and Wife reched after 7 hours Sailing the Easthren Shores or rather Forty nine Pine Church we where at once Summand to leave the Boat Walking some little distance to the House of Bro Brown where we found a Kind and hospitable wilcome the nagst day was Sunday and all where glad of the opportunity of holding Divine Service here we held Meetings for Six days recieved and Baptized 10 applicents and had glorious meetings for the Grace of god was with us Friday March 31the we Sailed for East Bay a distance of 14 Miles reching there in time for Night Services held Meeting Sathurday + Sunday went 4 Miles up the Bay Preached in the Baptist Chruch walked 4 Miles back. Preached agin at 3 P.m. Baptized one young man Preached agin at Night to a large Congregation all is moving on in good order. Forty nine Pine Church also East Bay holding Prayermeetings by them selfs with out my aid Man + Woman Praying there Seemes to be a great Spiritual feeling in the Churches hoping that the Lord will Bless theer laber

April 18the a visit made to a distend Field by requast of Rev C S Embree after traveling about one Hundered miles part of the way by Land and part by Watter reaching their Church home April 22the found alarge Congregation attentively listening to our address on the following Satherday went five Miles Nord of Mary Esther to a Settlemen where Preaching was very much needed we at once opend a Meeting which resulted in a grand revival Meeting Morners Where brought to the altar a very deep Conviction was feld in the Congregation people where Convinced of Sin and feld that they needed a Savior and so in the Conclution of Service Seven presented them Self for Membership and a Mission Station was organized at once which will Shorly be Organized in to a Church had I had more time to stay in this Field much good may have been acomplished but I have to retire to my own Field where I am very much needed. Rev CJ Embra will do good Work in that Field after the Meeting Closed a great number Came forward and thanked us for bringing the word of Life to them and so after Promissis of remembring them in our Prayer we went on our way worn down, but happy in the Lord and his Service

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Write nothing between these lines.

Rev. Louis Miller

Bagdad,

Fla

Date, May 14, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending May 15, 1893.

Collection, $ ——

Due, $ 75/100

Aug 1/92

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached........................ 45
" prayer-meetings attended.................. 12
" Sunday-school sessions attended......... 8
" In what capacity?............................ Pastor
" baptisms: adult, 6 infant, 5
" pastoral visits made.......................... 8
" funerals attended............................... 1
" marriages solemnized......................... 1
" largest congregation........................... 75
" average congregation......................... 50
" average attendance at prayer-meetings... 25
" average attendance at Sunday-school.... 25
" hopeful conversions............................ 6
" added to church on conf., 3 by letter, ——
" members died, none dismissed, 1 excluded, none

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft..................$ non

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions..................$ 75.00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter..................$ 8.00

What new opening for preaching? none

" " a church? 3

" " a Sunday-school? 2

[Mosher, A.E.]

Ans'd

Melbourne, Fla., Mar. 15/93

Rev Wm Kincaid,
Sec. A.H.M.S. N.Y.

Rev. & Dear Bro:-

I enclose with this reports for the six month's service with the Melbourne church, but feel that I yet need to say more than I wish to include in the report, and I address you because I think you are quite well acquainted with work in this State. It seems to me these reports should first go to the State Supt. or Miss. Committee, but as I have never received my Commission I have no directions to go by, and the fact of my not having a Com. makes me the more ready to send the reports directly to you, as well as the following explanation. Last Spring Rev. Mr Klopp suffered the loss of his wife here and very suddenly resigned which left the church without service & seemingly no good prospect of obtaining a pastor. So as my health was improving a little I consented to supply the pulpit & did so until Sept 1st. By this time the the M.E. minister had left the field & the people asked me to enter an engagement with them for six mos. which I consented to do as I then had the needed strength & because of the needs of the field. I was assured that the H.M.S. would make the appropriation of $200 & on the strength of this I have paid board & house rent until now here in town. Steps were at once taken to get my Commission & repeated letter to Mr Gale did not produce an answer. Later it seems there was some misunderstanding of the conditions here when the Board of Trustees applied for a loan from the Church Building Society for our new building, and hence a delay in granting the application for a Commission. The matter was again brought to Mr Gale's attention by our delegate to the State Assn, & I then learned the appropriation for the State was exhausted. So far I have yet to hear one word directly from Mr Gale touching this matter. The report blanks reached me yesterday. The delay in the payments has caused me disappointment & inconvenience, mostly because I did not know the cause, but I can easily overlook this when I know there was no money to pay with. But it is humiliating to think no Commission was ever granted & no word ever received about it. I have simply given this statement of facts as an explanation and I believe in no critical nor faultfinding spirit.

It hardly seems the proper thing to me for Missionary money to be paid to a man who hasn't a Commission, but I submit the matter to you.

I remain Yours in Xian hope,

A. E. Mosher

A. E. Mosher 12565

Melbourne

Fla.

Mar 15/93

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Reports enclosed

Respecting commission

Lake Helen, Florida—
Feb. 19, 1893—

Received from C. P. Russell, Treas. 1st Congl. Ch. of Lake Helen, Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, collected for the Amer. H. M. Society— which I will acknowledge again in my next Quarterly Report—

Mason Noble

[Noble, Rev. M.]

[Noble, Mason]

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Name of Missionary, Mason Noble

P. O. Address, Lake Helen — Volusia Co — Florida —

Report for Quarter ending March 31 1893 —

Date of this Letter, April 4 1893 —

This report closes my first year in this place — and the first years pastorate which the church here has known, no minister having continued with them more than a few months before my coming — The year has witnessed an advance "all along the line" — Congregations increased in numbers and in steadiness of attendance, increase of contributions and interest in the work in all its branches — We have finished the payment of our debt to the A.C.U (C.C.B.S.) and the people now own "clear" what several New England people have told me this winter, is "the prettiest little country church" they ever saw, any-where, — and I agree with them in this

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Rev. M. Noble,

Lake Helen,

Fla.

Feb. 19/93.

Reports Coll. $10.

estimate. It is not expensive, costing something less than $2000.00, and is a home product in design and execution. It is just about right — outside and in. We have taken up work at Winnemissett — about 2½ miles to the N.W. — between here and DeLand — and have there a S. S. and congregation averaging, so far, about 25.

The people here about a month since, in view of the fact that I had been called here "for a year" last April, voted me, unanimously, a call to be their pastor.

[Paine, Rev Samuel D.]

D. L. WAY, Sanford,
Senior Vice-Commander.
HUGH DUNNE, Jacksonville,
Junior Vice-Commander.
C. C. HARRIS, Tampa,
Medical Director.
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Chaplain.
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Ass't Adjt. General.
L. Y. JENNESS, St. Petersburg,
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Judge Advocate.
JACOB GUMBINGER, Jacksonville,
Senior Aid-de-Camp, and
Chief of Staff.

Head-quarters Dep't of Florida, Grand Army of the Republic.

OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN.

Ans'd

275-12 Fla

Sanford, Fla. April 5 1893

Washington Choate Esq

Dear Bro -

Please inform me when I send in my Quarterly report - I came here last October - began my pastorate then - I have sent in no report as yet - Does it take that time in, or simply from Jan - 1st 1893 - Please send me a blank - We are having booming Congregations large - We shall need a new edifice soon. - There is a glorious future for Florida - Property selling all over the State - Sanford is the Gate City to Southern Florida - We must make this the Great Congregational stronghold - this near Winter Park - Orlando and on the way to Tampa and the Great Indian River Country -

Thanks for the draft for $100.00 It came in at the right time - We took up a Collection for The Home Society of $27.50

Yours fraternally

S. D. Paine
Pastor at Sanford

As Grant told Sherman we must push things - Gale is on the Indian River hard at work.

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Leave that to New York office.

Rev. Mason Noble,

Lake Helen,

Fla.

Date, Apr. 4, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr. 1st 1893.

Previously reported Collection, $ 10 00/100

Due, $ 65 00/100

July 11/92.

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Write nothing between these lines.

[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached	22
" prayer-meetings attended	18
" Sunday-school sessions attended	15
" In what capacity? Teacher - Pastor	
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0	
" pastoral visits made	73
" funerals attended	1
" marriages solemnized	0
" largest congregation	69
" average congregation	50
" average attendance at prayer-meetings	21
" average attendance at Sunday-school	38
" hopeful conversions	—
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 2	2
" members died, 1 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0	

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft $ 10.00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions $ 65.00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter $ 90.00

What new opening for preaching?

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

[Paine, S.D.]

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Senior Vice-Commander.
HUGH DUNNE, Jacksonville,
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Chief of Staff.

Head-quarters Dep't of Florida, Grand Army of the Republic.

OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN.

Sanford, Fla. April 19th 1893

Rev. Joseph B. Clark D.D.

Dear Brother

Your favor of April 12th duly received — I am not certain about the one hundred you kindly advanced me being on last year — I think it ~~ought to be. if~~ ~~it~~ can be done — This is a very important field — Last Sunday night my church was crowded and over twenty stood outside listening to the sermon and music — We need an addition to our chapel and shall need a new church — Southern Florida is the country of the future in this state — We stand at the gate — I got my letter from the East Florida Presbytery and am now in full fellowship with the Association in this State — If you can advance me another hundred I will be grateful — My son Ralph D. Paine is in Yale College and my daughter is at Northfield School — A little money would help just now — Thanking you for past kindness I remain yours in Christ

S. D. Paine
Pastor Peoples Church

Send #100

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S. D. Paine

Sanford

Fla.

Apr 5/93

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Respecting Salary.

[Prior, Rev. J. R.]

[APOPKA]

Ans'd

Apopka- Fla. Apr 3-93.

My dear Bro-

Some weeks ago I wrote to Bro. Kincaid about a chance to supply a church somewhere North this coming season & not hearing anything I conclude that he is away & so I now take the liberty to write to you regarding the same thing, hoping I may secure a place for a longer or shorter time. In the vicinity of N.Y. or anywhere else. I am very anxious to secure work of this kind & the sooner the better. I hope you can do something for me.

My throat trouble is considerable better & I am able to preach without difficulty. Hoping to hear soon & favorably I shall be very very

Rev. S. D. Paine .13013.

Sanford. Fla. Apr 19/93

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Wants draft for $100.

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thankful indeed.

Very Sincerely
J. R. Prior

P.S.

Could you give me a recommendation to the Supt. of S. Dakota? There are particular reasons why I may want to correspond with him about work there for a few months, but this I do not wish to interfere with the other.

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Rev. J. R. Prior 3/1/93.
Apopka Fla.
Apr 3/93
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Respecting chance to preach in North.

[Prior, Rev. J. R.]

Ans'd

Apopka- Fla.
May 1- 93.

My dear Bro-

I have rec'd very encouraging word from Bro. Thrall regarding work in South Dakota. I can step right into the work as soon as I can get there. I have made up my mind that that is a needy & profitable field & where I ought to go. I think I can take up the work there in good heart. I have written Bro. Thrall again ~~& want~~ & to learn some things more definitely & want to be ready to start soon after hearing from him. Among other things I enquired if the Society would help me in getting there. Now I wish to ask you if I can in some way get

help to get me on the field?
I mean either as an advance or
loan. My stay here for the last ten months has been
almost a "*labor of love*". I have
had to look out for my *living*
otherwise. *I shall go to S.D.*
to stay. I expect to go on alone
& leave my family here until
I get fully settled. This seems
to be necessary for several
reasons though it is a *trial* for
me to be away from my family.
I was pleased to know that Bro.
W. H. Thrall is the Supnt of S.D. as
he is a friend of mine. We
worked together in Utah.

Hoping to hear from you
soon & favorably I am
Very Sincerely
J. R. Price

Rev. J. R. Price. 14693.
Pawhuska
Okla.
May 11/93
Requesting
work in
S. Dakota.

[Prior, Rev J. R.]

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Apopka - Fla.
May 22-93.

My dear Bro.

I start for Dakota in a day or two & shall be in N.Y. Monday morning the 29th & want to see you. I shall call at the Bible House at an early hour. I have definite arrangements with Bro. Shall & must be there for Sunday June 4th. Hoping to meet you I am

Very Sincerely
J. R. Prior

J. R. Prior 14694

Apopka

Fla.

May 22/93

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Will call

Tampa Fla. 3. 20. 93

Rev. J. B. Clark D. D.

New York

Dear Sir & Bro; I have written twice to Mr. Gale for a proper adjustment of our misunderstanding and for a settlement of what the A. H. M. S. is justly due me and I enclose his evasive replies which shows conclusively that he is not disposed to do what is right. He has tried his bulldozing game on me about long enough. I have been getting up the facts in this case in which I have been unmercifully slaughtered, and

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that too at the insta[illegible] of Mr Gale, and it is scarcely possible to conceive of the unlawful proceedings that were used against me. I have loved the Congl Church very ardently, and left a Church where ~~for the~~ I thought there was too much tyranny for the purpose of, as I thought, getting into a Church that was free from such tyranny. But the process which Mr. Gale has used on me caps the climax. I have as many friends in Fla. as any man in the State, and I can assure you that the unjust treatment I have received from Gale will powerfully re-act upon our Ch. I must have my just rights. I am not done with this matter by any means.

Your Bro E. S. Tyner

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Mr. Gale knows, as well as he can know anything that I never in my life assumed any debts on the Crest View Ch but what was found to be actually due in the final settlement. Which was

on Ch. building $13.90
" " Bell $15.00

Mr Gale & my personal a/c has nothing to do with it. And when Mr Gale, or any one else says I assumed anything but the above, have very little regard for the truth. Mr Gale misled me in drawing the order. I notified him of this at the very start of this trouble. E. S. G

[Tyner, E.S.]

v. D. B. COE, D. D., Hon. Sec.
JOSEPH B. CLARK, D. D.,
WILLIAM KINCAID, D. D., } Sec'ys.
WASHINGTON CHOAT,
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FLORIDA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
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American Home Missionary Society,
BIBLE HOUSE, NEW YORK.

Rev. S. F. GALE, Superintendent for Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., 2-24-1893

Mr. E.S. Tyner
Tampa.

Dear Bro.

For a number of months you have abounded in threats against me— and I should presume it was now about time that you carried some of them into execution. They are a little monotonous. I am ready at any time for your proceeding in any responsible way to suit your action to your very threatening words: but I have no time to waste in mere words or letters with you over matters pertaining to our past relations.

You will do well yourself to consider what the issue must be should the State take cognizance of your West-Fla. delinquencies. I wish you well— and certainly think that you deserved better of your friends. Yours very truly S. F. Gale

E. S. Tyner 126

Tampa
Fla.

Mar 20/93

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Respecting his
account-
Encloses letter from
S. F. Gale

[Welch, Moses C.]

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Name of Missionary, Moses C. Welch

P. O. Address, Pomona Florida

Report for Quarter ending May 1 1893

Date of this Letter, May 1 1893

I have spoken of closing my ministry here at this date. Instead I am given six months vacation, at the end of which time the Ecc. Soc. here will make application for renewal of my commission from the A. H. M. S.

I desire to express in behalf of our people thanks to the Society and the churches for the kind & generous grants made to us.

I leave Pomona next week Wednesday for the North, & if convenient should be pleased to receive the quarter's grant due May 1.

If however ~~the~~ such payment should be to the prejudice of some missionary in need, I should wish the matter to take the usual course. P.O. address at the North is Windsor, Connecticut.

To the Secretaries
A.H.M.S.

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Leave that to New York office.

Rev. Moses C. Welch,

Pomona,

Leaves his field

Fla.

Date, May 1, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending May 1, 1893.

Collection, $ 20.—

Due, $ 55.—

+ Send him Draft to Windsor Conn

May 4 – 4

Write nothing between these lines.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached	13
" prayer-meetings attended	
" Sunday-school sessions attended	12
" In what capacity?	Pastor
" baptisms: adult, infant,	
" pastoral visits made	44
" funerals attended	
" marriages solemnized	1
" largest congregation	82
" average congregation	48
" average attendance at prayer-meetings	
" average attendance at Sunday-school	21
" hopeful conversions	
" added to church on conf., by letter,	
" members died, dismissed, excluded,	

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft $ 20.

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions $ 55.

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter $ 83.

What new opening for preaching?
" " a church?
" " a Sunday-school?

[Williams, John C.]

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Reports, in giving statistics, **SHOULD NOT, BY ANY MEANS,** be confined to them. By what they furnish, when published in *The Home Missionary* and elsewhere—incidents, thoughts, experiences of every sort, dark or bright, connected with missionary life and work—the hearts of Christian people are touched and their prayers and gifts drawn forth. Brethren in the field! you certainly should see this need, and do your best to meet it. For further suggestions, see p. 4th of "Commission." One of these sheets is sent for each quarter covered by the Commission. But no missionary having any possible available material to contribute should feel at all restricted. *After filling these three pages, let him still draw upon his own supplies.*

Name of Missionary, John Chris. Williams.

P. O. Address, Orlando, Florida.

Report for Quarter ending June 11th. 1893.

Date of this Letter, June 12th. 1893.

To the Secretaries A. H. M. S.

I desire to submit a brief report of the condition of the work on this field. The church is in a healthy condition, and can be counted among those Florida churches that promise well for the future. My days here are days of anxiety toil and activity yet to every day comes much that is sweet and encoraging. Am fully conscious that my work is done but very imperfectly but can honestly say that I do my best. The people are appreciative. I trust that I may also win the "well done" of the Master. If so my time strength & missionary money will not be spent in vain.

Our work is broadening, we have now several Southern families attending our church. This is something new in Orlando. During the past winter several New England families, who are Congregationalists bought winter homes in our city. Our church will be a religious home to them & we hope in return to recieve their sympathy & experience in church work as well as their financial help. At present our congregations are quite small. A large number of our people have gone, many ~~for~~ their summer homes in the East & not a few for the "World's Fair."

The prayer meeting is kept up by the same faithful few. Our Sunday School has suffered from the Exodus still we do not mean to yeild one inch of the ground.

Very faithfully yours

J. Chris. Williams

[Woodruff, P. G.]

Report - Secy

Westville, Fla, May 13. 93

Dr Kincaide

Bible House, Astor Place, New York

Dear Bro.

A report, from me, was due April 1st. but having exchanged dwelling house, the blank reports have been missed placed and it seems as though I can not find them. possibly they may have been burned up with waste paper. I will give ~~up~~ you a short statement of my work in this letter.

1st. my work seems & is in good condition we meet at Bonifay to night to take steps towards building parsonage I think we will succeed in the undertaking.

2. I have now good prospects of paying off the Church debt at Crestview $320.00 old debt of Bro Lyner. I have it reduced to about $50 - I am almost ashamed of my self begging them so much, but they did splendidly-

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Do not fill the blanks below.
Leave that to New York Office.

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Rev. John C. Williams

Orlando,

Fla.

Date, June 12, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending June 13, 1893.

Collection, $ ——

Due, $ 125.

Nov. 7/92.

June 15=

Write nothing between these lines.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft............$

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions............$ 125.00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter............$ 75.00

What new opening for preaching?
" " a church?
" " a Sunday-school?

No. of sermons preached. 26
" prayer-meetings attended. 16
" Sunday-School sessions attended 13
" In what capacity?... Teacher
" baptisms: adult, — infant, —
" pastoral visits made. 40
" funerals attended —
" marriages solemnized —
" largest congregation. 120
" average congregation. 70
" average attendance at prayer-meetings 14
" average attendance at Sunday-school. 35
" hopeful conversions. —
" added to church on conf., — by letter, 1
" members died, — dismissed, — excluded, —

I do not know so much about the Bagdad matter. I paid off McNeely old but they do not seem to be trying to pay me and I need the money. I will let you know more in the future—

(Col). Now due me from society $\$137^{50}_{''}$ — \$10.00 bal. \$127.50 you may remit to me or send me blank report to fill out I would have reported sooner but was in hopes of finding lost papers

Your Bro

P. G. Woodruff

P.S. just closed a meeting at Pleasant Hill with Bro Jedal 8 increase of membership

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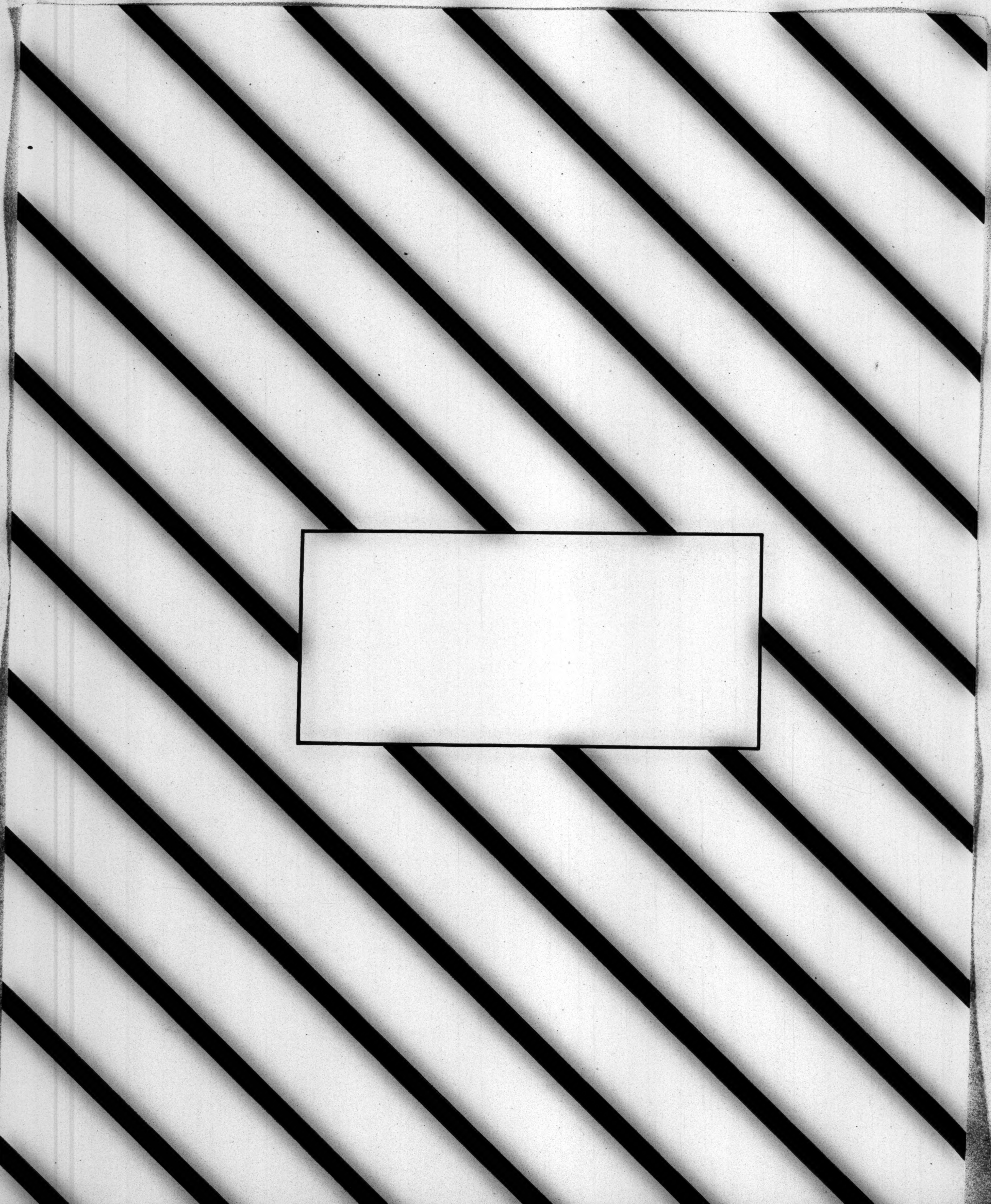

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PAPERS

1816-1894

SERIES I

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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[Egerton, A. M.] [SAVANNAH]

Savannah Dec. 24. 1828.

Rev. Mr Peters.

Dr. Sir.

I have labored nearly a week in Savannah. I am sorry to tell you that I have been able to obtain but 10 subscribers for the Home Miss &c. Encouragement is so poor in this part of the country for religious works. that I think it will be my duty to employ the principal part of my time in some other business.

I Subjoin the list of names.

Rev. J. Baggs (one year)
J. J. Bullock
Palmes & Lee
Mrs. Juliana Eppinger
Daniel Guyel
Capt. Wm Bell
Mrs. Margaret Lewis
" Elizabeth Holmes
Mrs. Martha Robinson
Dr. R. D. Eastman

They have all paid. & have recd. the first eight numbers.

Will Mr. Ripley be so good as to mention to Mr. Eastman that the only subscriber I have obtained in Savannah for The Preacher is Judge J. C. Nicoll. He has paid & recd. the 6 first numbers.

My passage was tolerably prosperous. & my health at present quite good.

Yours respectfully A. M. Egerton

I had forgotten to mention that Mr. J. C. A. Johnston of the Marine & Fire Insurance Co. Bank will act as agent to receive & transmit money in future. I think it not best to send what I have collected at present, as I expect to be in N.Y. myself in three or four months.

Rev. Nathan Bangs
New York
N.Y.

[Howard, Mrs. Mary W.]

Savannah, May 3rd 1828.

Sir,

ans'd

The subscribers to the Domestic Female Missionary Society of Savannah having heard that the blessing of God had rested in a peculiar manner on the efforts of the American Home Missionary Society are desirous of adding their feeble aid to the great work of spreading the gospel throughout our own land.

It is their wish to become auxiliary to the said Society and as they are unacquainted with the steps necessary to effect their purpose, I have been directed to apply to you for information. The Society has on hand at present upwards of an hundred dollars, the funds of the last year; the usual amount of subscriptions is from one hundred, to one hundred and twenty dollars per annum.

Particular information on this subject is earnestly requested, as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours

Mary W. Howard Secty.

Rev. A. Peters.

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Rev. Absalom Peters
New York
N.Y.

No. 1387
A. M. Egerton
Savannah Ga
Jan 16. 1829
Attended to

[Howard, Mrs. Mary W.]

Savannah July 7th 1828

Rev A. Peters,

Sir,

Your letter has been received, together with the pamphlets mentioned, & I am desired to state to you the Domestic Female Missionary Society of Sav. will become auxiliary to the A. H. M. Society agreeable to the terms contained in the 8th article of the Constitution of the said Society.

The funds of the Society will be handed to you by the treasurer of the Society. The field of Labour proposed by the Female Missionary Society is in Burke & Screven Counties; between fifty and sixty miles distant from Savannah; the country is represented to be in a very destitute condition but to use the expression of one of the inhabitants, "the people are hungry for preaching" Any further information may be given by the Treasurer.

With ardent desire for the speedy accomplishment of the great object you are endeavouring to promote, I remain

Respectfully yours

Mary W. Howard Sect.

Mary W. Howard Savannah
Georgia, — May 3, 1828
The Fem. D.M.S. of that
place wishes instruct-
ions on the manner of becom-
ing Aux. to the A.H.M.S.

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Revd Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. of the
A. H. Miss. Socy
New York.

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Constitution

Art. 1 This Society shall be denominated the Domestic Female Missionary Society of Savannah, auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society– the design of which shall be to ~~contribute~~ towards sending the gospel to those in the state of Georgia, who are destitute of it.

Art 2. Any lady on subscribing annually shall become a member of this Society,– or on paying $10. at once shall become a member for life.

Art 3. The business of this Society shall be conducted by twelve managers, to be chosen by ballott at the annual meetings of the Society on the second Monday in March of each year.

Art 4. The managers shall out of their own body elect four Directresses, viz. 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Directress, a Treasurer & Secretary. It shall be the duty of the 1st Directress to preside at all the meetings, & in case of her absence, one of the other Directresses, according to the order in which they stand. Special meetings of the Society shall be called by the managers when it is deemed necessary.

Art. 5. The managers shall hold stated meetings at least once in every six months, or oftener, if necessary, & at the annual meeting of the Society, make a report of their proceedings.

Art 6. The managers shall have power to make bye laws for their own regulation.

Art 7. The annual meetings of this Society shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art 8. Any alteration in this constitution may be made at the annual meetings of the Society—

Board of Managers for 1828.

Mrs Postell 1st Directress	Mrs Lloyd 2nd Directress.
Mrs Anderson 3rd	Miss Barron 4th
Mrs S. Lord Treasurer.	Miss M. W. Howard Secretary.
Mrs Nicoll	Miss Mears
Miss Germaine	Miss Goldwire
Miss Robertson	Miss S. Robertson.

[Howard, Mrs. Mary W.]

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Ans

Savannah Dec 27th 1828.

Rev. Absalom Peters.

Dear Sir,

The accompanying letter from Mr Warren will explain to you the course of conduct adopted by the Domestic Female Missionary Society of this place; no lette or communication of any kind having been received from the paren Society, it seemed most advisable to employ the Rev. Mr Sewal The enclosed is a copy of his certificate from the Rev. Asa Cumm Certificates of a similar import were received from the Rev. Benjamin Tappan, and William Allen, other members of the Committee. The Society are anxious to know what compensation will be allowed Mr Sewall, and how he will receive it, & also, whether at the expiration of the four months for which he is engaged, they will be at liberty to employ another Missionary, should a suitable person be found.

Mr Sewall is at present in Effingham County— he will probably visit Bourke & Scriven Counties; his labours will of course be much influenced by the present necessities of the people; he is very anxious to receive instruction from the Society & any communication for him addressed to the Secty. will be immediately forwarded.

Respectfully yours

Mary W. Howard Secty.

Miss Mary W. Howard, Sec.
of the Dom. Fem. Miss. Soc.
Savannah July 7. 1828 —
Enclosing their Constitution
& reporting themselves as
Aux. on the terms of the
8th Article of the Const.n
of the A. H. M. S. —

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec.y A. H. M. Soc.y
144 Nassau Street,
New-York.

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This certifies that the bearer Rev. Jotham Sewall Jr is an approved minister of the Gospel, and esteemed pastor of the Congregational church in Newcastle (Maine) & is cheerfully commended to the confidence and kind offices of the friends of our Redeemer, wherever God in his holy Providence may direct his steps.

Asa Cummings. One of the
Committee of the General Conference
of Maine, to certify to the standing
of Ministers travelling out of the State

Portland (Maine) Oct. 11th 1828.

Mary W. Howard Sec.
Savannah, Fem. M. Soc
Dec. 27. 1828 Con-
cerning the Appointment of
Rev. Jotham Sewall —
letter from Rev. J. B. Warren

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Rev. A. Peters.
Cor. Secy. A. H. Miss. Socy.
144 Nassau Street.
New. York.

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[Johnston, James C. A.]

Savannah Jany 24th 1828

Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you a three Dollar note out of which you will please pay the Rev. A Dickison one Dollar for Mr Hoahs Steele's Subscription to the National Preacher commencing (1828.) the other 2 Dlls. are the Subscriptions of Mr Wm P Clark & Miss Ann Bond of this city to the Home Missionary & Pastors Journal and in addition to the above two hand you the following

o Rev Jno. Boggs
o S. I. Bulloch
o Palmes & Lee
o Mrs J Eppinger
o Daniel Gugel
John Lewis — x

o Capt. Wm Bee
o Eliza Holmes
o Mrs M. Robinson
o Dr R H Footman
Archd. Smith Jr

all residing in Savannah

I mentioned to the Agent who was here a few weeks since that I would willingly receive the Subscription money and transmit it to Mr Peters for the P. Journal or to Mr Dickinson for the Preacher but that I could not attend to the delivery of either of the works you will therefore please send them to each Sub. pr. Mail

To Mr Chas Hall
Assistant Treasurer &c
N. Y.

Respectfully
James C. A. Johnston

+ The above 13 are subscribers to the Home Missionary & Pastors Journal com. 1829

o These were sent some time ago by Mr. Eagerton — — —

[Robbins, Rev. S. W.] [Louisville]

Louisville Jefferson County Ga. 30th Dec. 1828.

Revd A. Peters.

Dear Sir,

I write you by request of Revd J. Stiles, who spent the night with me, and has just left for the low country. He has recently returned from the North, where with his lady he has spent the summer. He has acquired an extensive influence in this part of the country. His ministerial labours have been abundantly blessed.

3 Cord Eccl [illegible]

We are surrounded by other denominations than the Presbyterian. A Presbyterian Church was organised in this place in 1823 by Mr. Chamberlain of Vt. There were but two male members beside myself & about one dozen female members. I am at present the only male member, the others having removed. It is seldom we have presbyterian preaching. Mr. S. thinks if you were made acquainted with our destitute situation you would send us a Missionary.

You are probably not unacquainted with the religious history of Geo. during the past year. There have been extensive revivals, and thousands have been added to the Baptist and Methodist churches. Additions have likewise been made to the few Presbyterian churches that are scattered through the country. But there is a great lack

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I. C. A. Johnston
Savannah
Feb. 1829

attended to

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Charles Hall Esqr
Assistant Treasurer &c:
At the Society's Office
144 Nassau Street
N. York

of preachers. The ranks of other denominations are more easily filled with preachers. They require less to qualify them. Though I am no advocate for ignorance in the Ministry, yet it does seem as though they have greatly the advantage of us. This may be temporary. But it is so evident that it is an advantage, that our denomination in this part of the Country seem disposed to be less rigid than formerly as to the qualifications requisite for the ministry, I mean in point of science. They may be wrong. But one thing seems certain. There needs only an increase of faithful and intelligent ministers in this region, of the Presbyterian denomination, in order for that denomination to prosper. And so sure am I that the prosperity of that church would contribute very much to the welfare of community, both temporal and spiritual, that I feel anxious that labourers should be sent to occupy so extensive a field already white for harvest.

I received a letter a few days since from my youngest brother dated at Troy N.Y. He informs me that for some time past he has been ~~studying~~ endeavouring to qualify himself for the ministry. As he has been engaged at the same time in procuring a support for himself, I conclude he must have progressed slowly. He has begun at an age somewhat advanced, and lacks a classical education. He seems desirous to become useful. He says, "if I am not deceived, my desire to do something for the cause of Zion is greater than it formerly was, and seeing the need of exertion and of labourers, I say, 'here am I.' Whether I shall ever be qualified to preach is uncertain, but I hope to do something to stop the progress of iniquity, and I hope to feel that I can do all things through Christ strengthening me."

He says further "the discouragements are so great, that I have to rouse all the resolution that I possess, and overcome obstacles which appear formidable and almost insurmountable. I purpose to move on shortly to what is called the Oneida School at Whitesboro'."

Perhaps you may give him advice that may be useful, or render him assistance.

If you are the gentleman I suppose you to be, I must claim the honour of having once had some acquaintance with, & think I heard you preach at Wms town Mass. and escorted a young lady from President Moores to Bennington to meet you, whom you afterwards married.

If so accept my best wishes for your temporal & eternal happiness & tender my best respects to your lady if still living, and believe me your

Friend & humble servt

Saml. W. Robbins—

P. S. Please write —

Mr Saml. W. Robbin
Louisville, Jefferson Co. Ga.—
D[illegible]. 1828—appeal for
[illegible] missionary for that
place.

Louisville Ga.
Jan 1st

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Revd Absalom Peters
Secy Home Missionary Sy
New-York

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[Winston, Rev. Dennis]

Fredericksburg Va. Oct. 22. 1828

Rev & Dr Sir

On monday the 20th I gave a draft on yourself for fifty Dollars - to the order of C. R. Pite Treas. Y. M. Bible Soc. of Baltimore. In the afternoon of that day I left Balt. for Georgia, and have proceeded thus far. Mr Steele is some twenty or thirty miles ahead of me, but I expect to overtake him in Richmond. Please say to Mr Bingham that I recd. his letter in Balt. and that I found my "South horse" so sick that he must be left behind. I have procured another which I hope will carry me through to Ga. There is probably no need of my saying that I have accepted of the commission from your Soc. as the draft presupposes this fact. I need not ask your prayers that my labours however feeble may be blest to the salvation of some wandering sinner. May the Lord prosper your society and all whom it sends forth to preach Christ crucified.

In haste yours affectionately

Rev. Dennis M. Winston,
Fredericksburg Va. Oct. 23.
1828 – Accepts his commission
to labor in Georgia – Notice
of draft for Outfit –

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The Rev.

Absalom Peters
Sec. A. H. M. Soc.
144 Nassau St
New York

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[Johnston, James C. H.]

(SAVANNAH)

Chas. Hall Esqr.
Assistant Treasurer &c.

Savannah March 12th 1829

Dear Sir

I send you three more Subscribers to the "Home Missionary" & A. P. Journal viz

	Residence	Paid
William Dunham	Savannah	$1 —
Chas E. Dunham	do	1 —
Mary E. Anderson	Rueborough. Ga.	1 —

Mr Jno Lewis says you have sent him 2 copies he wishes but one copy sent to him

* Mary E Anderson has also Subscribed for the National Preacher & paid 1 50/100 Dolls. for this year, it is also to be sent to Rueborough Georgia

When I can find a convenient opportunity I will send on the above mentioned Sum 4 50/100 Dollars

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Jas C H Johnston

(* Please mention this to Rev. A Dickinson)

[Johnston, James C.A.]

Dear Sir — Savannah 22nd June 1829

Please send the Home Missionary and Pastors Journal to the following persons commencing with the 3rd No. as Mr. Lewis has enough of the 1st & 2nd Nos. to supply them,

	No. copies	Residence
Mrs. Densler	1 Cop.	Savannah
Mrs. Starr	" "	"
Mr. Jos. Georgia	" "	"

To
Chas. Hall Esq
Assistant Sec. &c
New-York

Respectfully
Jas. C. A. Johnston

N° 460
J. C. A Johnston
Savannah Ga
April 6. 1829
attended to

Chas Hall Esq
Aſsistant Treasurer &c:
at the Society's Office
144 Naſsau-St New-York

[Leavitt, J.]

Lincoln Court House
Georgia Feb. 4. 1829.

Dear Sir.

The above is the place of my location. It was thus ordered by a committee of the S. Carolina M. S. I am the only presbyterian preacher in the county, which contains an area of about 400 square miles. Rev. A. Foster is 20 miles to the east of me, on the other side of the Savannah, in Willington S. C. On the west, distant 26 miles, is the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, in Washington Ga. These are my nearest fellow labourers, methodists & baptists excepted, who are numerous through this whole region, & with whom I am on terms of brotherhood.

But with regard to situation, employments, I shall [illegible] information sufficiently explicit in my report, which I purpose to transmit to you at the end of the first quarter of my labours in this place. My object in writing you at this time is to obtain a copy of the Home Missionary. This work I think you told me would be

N. 675
J. C. A. Johnston
Savannah Ga
July 2. 1829
Attended to

Chas Hall Esq
Assistant Secretary &c.
No 144 Nassau St
New Yk

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sent me regularly, tho' I am not an immediate beneficiary of your Society, upon condition to the [illegible] regularly report my labours to you. But would it be at any rate. There is here a dearth of religious intelligence excepting what is of a local nature. I wish also to obtain the N.Y. Observer & you will deem it a piece of economy in me instead of paying the postage of a letter directed to the Editors of that Paper, to put yourself to the trouble, if not too much, of requesting the Editors, when you may happen to call at their office, to consider me a subscriber for their paper. The money to pay for this I shall transmit to them by Rev Mr Foster, I will visit N.Y. in April or May of the present year, and at the same time I will also, if [illegible], transmit pay for your periodicals. The superscription will be to Jonathan Leavitt, Lincoln Court House, Georgia.

I am, dear Sir,
with sentiments of
affection & esteem,
Yours
J. Leavitt

I ought to say something to you of my health, which was low when I was at N.Y. It is not yet firm, tho it allows me to preach regularly. I sometimes hope strongly & sometimes fear strongly as to the result. The climate I find extremely variable, tho mild. My hope is in God.

[Lewis, John]

Savannah April 9. 1829

Revd Mr Peters

Dear Sir

When Mr Eagerton was in Sav. Mrs Margaret Lewis, Wife of the writer, subscribed for the Home Missionary & Pastors Journal, & in addition, it has been sent to myself thro' some misunderstanding of your agent here.

I have however paid for it together with my subscription in advance for the second Year — You will therefore discontinue Mrs Lewis's

I applied to Mr Johnston to request that the numbers for this City might be sent by water to save postage, but he declined doing so. Capt Moore of the Packet Ship Henry says he would not charge freight & he believes not one of the captains of the Line Ships would. If therefore you are disposed to address them to my care by one of the Line Ships, I will deliver them to the subscribers with pleasure, & shall feel much gratified if I can be useful in obtaining additional subscribers

Rev. Jon. Leavitt, Lin-
coln C.H. Geo. Feb. 4. 1827

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Lincolnton Geo
5th February

Paid 25

Rev. Absalom Peters
Secretary A. H. M. S.
Tract Society's House
City of N. York
N.Y.

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I think it a most useful paper & it is my sincere wish that it may obtain a free circulation throughout our country for it does appear to me only necessary for Christians to become acquainted with the facts which it communicates in order to have their hearts & hands enlisted with fresh vigor in the cause of Zion.

I observe you have but one agency in Georgia. Should it meet your approbation, & be of no inconvenience to you to send me 2 or 3 of No. 1 of the first vol. in which the general arrangement of the work is stated, I will send them to friends in some small villages & endeavor in that way to obtain subscribers

I cannot encourage you to expect much success, but I think it is worth trying

Very truly Yours

John Lewis

[Reese, A.D. + Others] [MONTICELLO]

Monticello 1st June 1829

Dear Sir

Learning that you are the Secretary to the board of Home Missions, we take the liberty of addressing you on a subject of deep interest to all Christians, and particularly to you & your Board, nothing less than building a house to worship God in — a few persons attached to the Presbyterian Church. ~~a number~~ & several feeling a particality to that faith & that mode of worship have it in contemplation to erect a Church in our Town — an attempt has been made to raise the requisit funds by subscription & we fear & believe that without some aid we shall fail in the worthy undertaking — our object is to solicit Mr Marshall thro— you to make a donation of a small Lot in our Village the most eligible site for the building. learning he was a man of wealth — liberality & actively engaged in many Charity — we who were appointed trustees at a late meeting addressed him on the subject to which we have recd. no answer. therefore we ask the favour of you to state the case

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John Lewis
Savannah
April 20. 1829

attended to —

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Revd. Absalom Peters
cor. Secy. A. H. M. So.
Nassau Street
New York

Ship Henry

to Mr Marshall and give us an answer
as soon as convenient. your complying
wile much obledge your

humble Servents

D. A Pierce
Jo. McKannin } Trustees
G. Simonton

[Robertson, M.] [MACON]

Macon, Georgia, Apl. 4th. 1829.

Rev. Sir.

Today I was in the company of the Rev. Mr. Stiles, who told me that you were desirous of obtaining information relative to this section of country; and likewise that he had read a letter or two in the "Home Missionary" written from this state, and having mentioned to me one fact that had been communicated, I was struck with the incorrectness of the statement. I cannot tell what has led our

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brother who made the communication into the error, but the statement that the Churches in this section of the country are composed of from fifteen to to twenty members, is exceedingly erroneous. The Churches that may be considered 'in this section of country' are, one at Milledgeville, one at Macon, one in Crawford county, one at Forsyth, one in Butts county, one in Fayette county, one at McDonnaugh, two in DeKalb county, one in Gwinnett county, and one at Eatonton in Putnam county. Of the one in Fayette county I am not particularly informed — that in Forsyth was constituted less than a year ago, and has had no regular preaching — it consists of from fourteen to sixteen members — that at Eatonton is small. Of the remaining nine, I believe there is scarcely one of less than fifty members, and I think there is no doubt but they would average more than sixty. The church in Milledgeville is at this supplied with regular preaching; the church at Macon and that at Crawford divide the ministerial labours of the Rev. Mr. Patterson, who preaches three Sabbaths in the month at Macon, and one in Crawford county, and every fifth Sabbath in the month at Forsyth. The Churches at Crawford and Forsyth receive Missionary labours likewise. The Church in Butts count has none but Missionary preaching; that in Fayette County I believe is in the same situation; that at McDonnaugh has regular preaching by Rev. Mr. Gamble. Those in DeKalb county have heretofore divided the services of Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick, but he some time ago removed to Caroline, and I know not from whence they are supplied — I presume tho' they are destitute with the exception of the little time the Missionaries are able to give them. The Church at Lawrenceville in Gwinnett county is supplied, I believe regularly, by Rev. Mr. Wilson. The Church at Eatonton has preaching only occasionally.

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But perhaps the most interesting section of country in this part of the world, is that between Flint and Chattahochie rivers. It is something like one hundred and fifty, by sixty miles; making an area of about 9000 square miles. This section of country has been lately acquired from the Creek Indians, was divided into counties and settled and organized in 1827, and now contains something like 25,000 inhabitants. The soil and face of the country, of a large proportion of this territory are inviting, and emigrants from various parts are flocking to it. Towns and villages are springing up and likely to prosper in the things of the world, and I think nothing is wanting but Ministers to build up, under God, large and interesting Churches. The Baptist and Methodist denominations have already been pretty active, but I know

A.D. Reese & others, Monticello
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of but three Presbyterian Ministers in all that section of country; and they are Miſsionaries, who may remain a longer or shorter time as their engagements and circumstances permit. Three Presbyterian Churches have been formed in this section of country— One in Coweta county a year ago, one in LaGrange, Troup County very lately; and one lately in Columbus, a town lately settled, which is destined soon to be a place of considerable commercial importance, and will contain 2500 a 3000 inhabitants in the course of two or three years from this time.

Many of these estimates are made without calculation, and of course are not offered as strictly correct, but are believed to be substantially true. May the Lord open the way for a supply of the Gospel to perishing souls.

With the highest respect

Yours, &c.

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Agent of Home Missionary Society
New York

[Sewell, Jotham]

Effingham County, Georgia, April 13th, 1829.

To the Executive Committee of the A. H. Miss. Society.

Gentlemen,

The mission which I have performed under your Commission of Nov. 17th 1828, at the direction of the Savannah Female Miss. Society, has been, agreeably to their wishes, ~~itinerancy~~. My field of labor has been the counties of Effingham, Scriven, & Bullock — a region, especially that part of it which I have occupied, very thinly inhabited, neighbors frequently & not uncommonly living some miles distant from each other. I entered it Dec. 19th & not, as you supposed, at that time in Nov. (a circumstance which probably originated in some mistake or forgetfulness of dates.) As soon as the necessary arrangements could be made, I commenced a circuit of better than a hundred miles, including the upper part of Effingham County, the lower part of Scriven, & the adjacent part of Bullock. This circuit I was to perform once in four weeks: & it was so arranged as to give me two places for weekly lectures between my sabbath stations. This was as much preaching as I felt able to perform.

In pursuing the labor assigned me, I have endeavored [illegible] Christ & Him crucified," avoiding things of minor importance [illegible] have been as large, generally, as the scattered state of the population [illegible] to expect. Lectures, indeed, have been ~~[illegible]~~ uncommonly thin. In a few instances they have been unexpectedly full; but in general, ~~there~~ otherwise, being no special attention to religion among the people at this time. In a number of instances I have preached to a congregation of eight or ten: & never, in any instance, when able, have I declined preaching on account of the smallness of the assembly. A more than ordinary degree of interest has generally been manifested in what has been delivered. Attention, in most cases, has been fixed. Christians have appeared to be fed by the word, & the impenitent, in frequent instances, have been, for the time, deeply solemn. The truth evidently pressed hard upon their consciences, & the unwilling tear was seen to flow. Whether such impressions are durable, time has not yet disclosed. — In private, also, I have had some very solemn seasons in urging divine things upon the attention of those who were yet in sin; & I cannot but hope that my labors in this respect will not be entirely in vain. From the space of ground I have occupied, the distance of families from each other, & the time necessarily employed in travelling, it will be immediately seen that my opportunity for visiting has been somewhat limited. I have endeavored, however, to carry religious conversation into every family in which I have been, &, as far as convenient, make it personal. — In inquiring into the state of christians, things have not always been found as could have been desired. Too often family worship is neglected: &, indeed, if I am justified in forming an opinion of professors generally by those with whom I have become acquainted, I should judge that a stated & regular performance of the duty is uncommon! In ~~most~~ instances it is attended ~~to~~ at night only, (& then it is to feared with frequent intermissions,) & in others not at all. — The religious education of children is greatly neglected. In most instances they are suffered to be without restraint on the sabbath. Where a previous remark induced me to say to a professing mother, "I hope you do not allow your children to play upon the sabbath," the reply was, "Oh, we are accustomed to that!" In a case which twice fell under my own observation a child of a parent in high repute for his piety was suffered to spend the sabbath in visiting at a neighbor's, while the parent himself attended divine worship. A little subsequent conversation with this parent satisfied me that he took not the least pains to prevent it. Indeed, while he acknowledged it to be wrong, he plead in its defence the necessity of a little relaxation after a hard week's labor! In a third case, which bears more immediately upon family government while it shows a sad indifference to the spiritual welfare of children, a pious parent excused his neglect of domestic worship in the morning, a practice in which he was once regular, by saying that since his family had become large, he

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found it difficult to keep his children in order during the service. The inference is that they were in bed before he prayed at night, & so did not hear him at all. — In a family, containing a large number of interesting children, both the parents of which were professors of religion, the father a deacon in the church, but who, ~~notwithstanding~~, had never prayed in his family; after urging the duty of household worship, I felt it peculiarly important to take up the subject of giving religious instruction to children. This, as might be expected, was entirely neglected. A detail of the conversation would exhibit evasions of duty a recital of which must be painful to every pious reflecting mind. Suffice it to say, [illegible], that when the importance of collecting them for this purpose at least on the sabbath was urged, it was objected that the children wanted to be at play! To the fear that the blood of the souls of their offspring might be found in their skirts, the parents were strangely insensible. The absurd pretension that religious instruction is useless & that God will convert whom he pleases independently of such efforts, seemed to quiet every apprehension, & even to neutralize the di-[redacted]! From all that passed I had every reason to believe that those heard a single prayer or received one word of serious religious nition from parental lips! My heart ached for both parents & as I had reason to fear that my admonition would be of no a

There is much opposition to missions in this region, especially in that part through which the northern & western portions of my circuit lay. Churches in some instances, (this applies to baptist churches, beside which, excepting a few methodist, there are none in the field of my labor,) are sadly divided. Some of their members are in favor, others profess to be neutral, while others are decidedly & warmly opposed. In one instance a church which a few years ago left the Association to which ~~it~~ they belonged because the missionary question prevailed in it, & joined another, are now leaving the latter on the same account to unite with a few churches in the formation of one which shall be purely Anti-missionary. — In one instance, a man, (not a professor of religion however,) refused me admittance into his house because he understood on inquiry that I was friendly to the missionary cause. To a friend who was hoping to find with him a lodging-place for me, he said, "You need not send him to my house: if he comes to my door I shall not ask him to alight. I harbor no such characters. If he preaches in our neighborhood I shall not go to hear him." — The reason of such a state of things evidently is, that difficulties of obtaining a common education occasioned by the sparseness of population prevents a taste for reading & this disinclines to the taking of any periodicals — there is but one post office in county from which of course most of the inhabitants live at the distance of from 8 to 20 miles, & this renders the taking of such publications inconvenient — &, the enemies of missions, too generally more industrious than the friends, have busily circulated false reports & pamphlets containing objections, misrepresentations &c. A baptist minister, in conversation, presented as an objection against missions the old story of "Mrs. Judson's extravagant dress," the truth of which, it seems, he had never heard called in question. — In connexion with this opposition to Missions, there is, to some considerable extent, a prejudice to learned ministers, & to the idea of a ministers receiving wages. — These prejudices, however, are relaxing, & I am happy to know that my labors, tho' short, & productive of no other good, have, in this respect, exerted a salutary influence. — On account of this state of things, I have deemed it prudent to dispense entirely with the duty which is generally enjoined on missionaries, of soliciting donations in behalf of their employers. A different course would have excited toward me the most unhappy feelings & these would have been extended to the Society by which I am patronized, & entailed a prejudice against any other laborer whom they ~~may~~ might send into the field. And as this is their first effort here, the effect would have been most unhappy. — A few months labor of a pious, judicious missionary, as it would afford the people further opportunity of becoming acquainted with the men & measures against which too many of them are prejudiced, would, I am satisfied, materially change the face of things in this respect.] The strong attachment which so short a mission has called forth toward such an unworthy serv of the church as myself, is such as satisfies me that the greater part might easily be won over to better principles & feelings. — [And, permit me to say, there is great need of such labor. This is a destitute region. Commencing near the upper part of Effingham County & extending upward 50 miles, there is not, I am told, but one effective ordained minister between the Savannah & Ogeechee rivers. A few methodist ministers traverse the region; & the baptist churches are generally supplied once a month by one minister's taking the charge of four. But the preaching thus enjoyed is calculated rather to affect the passions than enlighten the understanding & purify the heart. And to this I conceive is owing the deplorable state of the churches. Many, it is be feared, for want of proper discrimination & judgement, have gained admittance into them which should have been rejected; & their general influence, together with the want of better instruction, has a most unhappy effect on the character & habits of the truly pious. — The want of an enlightened & faithful ministry is further seen in the gross violation of the sabbath which is, alas, too common. Professors of [illegible] regarding ~~it~~ the day as they ought. In some instances they have bee [illegible] carts & start for market on the sabbath! Still more freque [illegible] in returning. In one instance two gentlemen, the one, (I a [illegible] minister, & that of no mean standing, the other, a public character tho' not a professor, after having devoted the whole day to the latter purpose, put up at the house where I then was. On learning the fact, I felt that I could not let them go, especially the former, without a gentle admonition. A suitable opportunity was sought on the next morning, & this was attempted. The christian brother endeavored to apologize; but the other frankly acknowledged that they were both without excuse — that they might, without any serious inconvenience, have dispensed with returning till the next day. — This last gentleman has been at the same house since, expresse [illegible] gratitude for the reproof, & declared his solemn determination never to trav [illegible] again upon the sabbath, except in case of absolute necessity. He has since had [illegible] same temptation to do as before, but rested the sabbath day. — Where such i [illegible] fact in reference to professors of religion, the practice of others may be ea [illegible] anticipated. — The cause of temperance has scarcely begun to operate in th [illegible] Professors of religion make rather a common use of ardent spirit, & seem not to be aware of the criminalness of the [illegible] I hav [illegible]-ly introduced the subject in conversation, & hope that a few are beginning to see the evil & reform.] — As far as I have had opportunity, I have inquired out families destitute of bible: & by influencing a few others to do the same between twenty & thirty such families have been found, which been supplied from the Savannah Bible Society. It is not so easy to make a thorough investigation here as at the north for want of those convenient local divisions, towns & school districts. The smallest incorporated divisions are Counties. — A few bibles have also been sold.

In the course of my mission I have distributed between 2 & 3,000 pages of tracts, better than half of which ~~has~~ was at my own expense. They have been thankfully received, &, as far as I have had opportunity to observe, carefully read. I have also distributed between 20 & 30 numbers of the Miss. Herald, which were furnished by friends in Savannah. — Both of these, I trust, will be useful.

Bap Preacher

Being placed as I have been among professors of the baptist denomination, I have carefully avoided, in public & private, the subject of baptism. Seldom has it been introduced into conversation, & then never at my own instance. I have deemed it more for the glory of God & the good of souls, that the churches, weak at best, should be built up as they are rather than to be disturbed & divided by the introduction of my own peculiar sentiments. — My preaching has been altogether extemporaneous. None other, indeed, would be generally received in the region I have occupied. But I have been careful in every instance that my subject should be well digested & my discourse regularly planned. This I deemed peculiarly requisite here, as it is certainly important that the public taste should be improved in this respect. And, to the honor of divine grace I would say it, I have seldom attempted to preach without ~~feeling~~, as I humbly trust, [illegible] some measure of special divine assistance. I have not indeed had the pleasure of knowing whether my ministrations have been blessed to the conversion of any; & perhaps, (being about to leave this region without the expectation of visiting it again,) I may never know in this world. But, judging from appearances, I look forward to a future day with a confident hope & expectation that I shall see some at length on the right hand to whose [illegible] unworthy labors shall have contributed.

[illegible] conclude, Reverend Brethren, by commending this region to your [illegible]tion. Much, certainly, very much needs to be done in it; &, in [illegible] opinion, much might easily be effected. — The State, if I may [illegible] venture an opinion from so short an acquaintance, is behind [illegible] & benevolent movements of our happy age. It has, I [illegible] Missionary, or Sabbath School Society, except a few small ones which have sprung up here and there in the different cities. And I cannot but regard this ~~it~~ as a field too important to be neglected. The warmth & hospitality of the Georgian character, the most interesting proofs of which I have experienced on every hand, are such as ~~more~~ than indicate that the inhabitants would be liberal supporters of benevolent institutions were their feelings once properly awaked & their energies systematically directed.

With prayers for the success, in all its parts, of the "great work" in which you are engaged, I am, Reverend & Beloved, your unworthy servant in the kingdom of our Lord,

Jotham Sewall Jr.

P.S. My account against the Board is made out according to rate allowed by the Savannah Fem. Miss. Society. ~~[illegible]~~ — I ought to have said that the whole time between Dec. 19th to the present ~~date~~, has been spent on the ground, ~~with the exception~~ of leaving once, to attend the annual meeting of the Sav. Fem. Miss. Society.

Please to excuse errors, as I have not time to transcribe.

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Rev Absalom Peters Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.
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The American Home Missionary Society

To Jotham Sewall jr. Dr.

To four months missionary labor in the employ of the Female Domestic Missionary Society of Savannah as pr. agreement at fifty dollars pr. month	$. 200
Deduct for half month lost by ill health	" 25
	$. 175

Savannah, April 15th 1829.

I certify the above to be a correct statement, and the Treasurer of the A. H. M. S. will please pay Mr Sewalls Draft for $ 175, as the Dom. Fem. Miss. Socty will soon make a remittance to the Home Missionary Socty

Mary W. Howard Secty.

Savannah. April 15th 1829

Rev. Mr. Peters.

Sir,

I have this day drawn an order on you for the amount of the within account in favor Mr. George W. Coe which you will please to pay at sight.

Yours respectfully,

J. Sewall Jr.

Savannah. April 15th, 1829.

P.S. The deduction made in my account is a matter of my own choice, & not by request from the Society. They have, indeed, rather insisted on my taking the whole. But being rewarded at such a liberal rate, I felt rather in duty bound to deduct for half a month which I almost entirely lost in consequence of taking a violent cold, tho' I was all the time on the ground. — My Report was forwarded to you by this morning's mail.

[Winston, Rev. D.M.

Macon Ga. Jany. 9th 1829

Rev. & Dr. Sir   The time has nearly arrived when my instructions from the committee of the A.H.M.S. enjoin it upon me to make a quarterly report of labour performed as their Missionary. The reason of my anticipating the time a few days and writing from this place is, that I expect to go into a region where Post Offices are not very convenient, and exp[illegible] remain there some days after the period when my report should be forwarded. Since leaving New York I have travelled upwards of seventeen hundred miles, and since my arrival in this State upwards of seven hundred, and have preached as often as circumstances would permit. Opportunities of ~~any~~ preaching have not been as frequent as they will be hereafter, owing to the fact that I have been in a region thinly peopled, and have not been able to send on appointments in advance. Hereafter I hope to be able to make arrangements to preach as frequently as my health which is now good will permit. I have already since my arrival in the up country taken a tour embracing some ten or fifteen counties for the purpose of ascertaining where my labours are most needed, and will probably be most serviceable. Within the circuit and on its immediate borders

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are some twenty or five and twenty counties in each of which there is at least one, and in few of them more than one Presbyterian Church. Within the bounds of these counties and churches there are besides myself six or seven Pres. clergymen. Of these, two ~~of them~~ have the charge of large academies, a third is nearly superannuated, and two of the remainder broken down by disease, another is occupied in preaching to a single church in this place. On the borders of these counties to which I have alluded there are some ten or twelve more in which there are no Presn churches. These last referred to are in what is called the new purchase and are very rapidly settling, and would many of them afford as interesting a field of labour as any in which churches are already planted, and the present seems to be an important time with them.] The churches in this part of the State are small consisting of from fifteen to twenty five members. and in all probability from the character of the population and the prevalency of other denomi- [redacted] by make some efforts to support ~~them~~ among

[On the subject of support to clergymen there are, and will probably continue for some time to exist difficulties. There are not wanting those preachers who are ready to cry "Ye are a hireling race," "we preach *for nothing* and from the heart you from *your learning* and *for money*." Generally speaking the people in the region which I have visited are poor, and are struggling with the difficulties allways to be overcome by new settlers.]

Hitherto little or nothing has been done for Sabbath Schools and there will be serious difficulties in the way of establishing them when the people come from 3 to 10 miles to Ch. and then, when the whole congregation amount to not more than from one to three hundred. Some interest is beginning to be felt in tract societies and in a few instances tracts have been obtained and circulated. My mind is not as yet made up as to the field which it is duty for me to occupy. it is my intention to look still farther and go over the same ground once more in part at least, which I have already visited, and in the mean time to do all the good I can. The field is wide and desolate, and a large amount of labour is requisite to gather the fruit already ripe. Of the labourers already in the field I have told you, and therefore need not tell you. there is room in abundance for more if they can be found who are willing to enter it.

Previous to my leaving N.Y. and more especially since I came here and have seen some statements in the H.M. my mind has been much turned toward Florida, and were I free from any engagements here, I have often thought, I would go there without delay. I have long thought that to be the most interesting and important part of the Southern Country. In a religious point of view if I am not mistaken it will be so regarded within a very few years. I hear much of it from those who have been there repeatedly, and all speak of it in the same strain of rapture. I am now about 200 miles from Talahasse, and hold myself ready to go into that territory if it should be thought by the committee that my services there would be as well or better employed than in this State. I have not room to say all that I wish on this subject in this letter, nor to institute some comparisons between this State and that region

I shall hope soon to hear from you at this place, and shall be glad to have your views and those of the Committee on this subject.
May the Lord crown with success all the efforts of the A. H. M. S. to spread the light of his truth among those who walk in darkness is the prayer of Your Brother in Christ Jesus

Rev. A. Peters.

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Rev. D. M. [redacted]Winston, Macon,
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Reverend Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Soc
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Do you ever send the H. M. & A. P. Journal to your missionaries I should like to see one – Please say to Br Brigham that I am here and well – should be glad to hear from him &c
Love to Mr Hall &c to yourself and best wishes to all the members of the Committee.

[Winston, Rev. R.M.]

Forsythe Ga. May 14th 1829

Rev & Dr. Sir

Another three months has elapsed and the time has arrived when a report of my labours will be expected by the board of the A.H.S. Thus far goodness and mercy have followed me and are calling for gratitude & thankfulness.

In presenting my report at this time I cannot speak of any special attention to religion in the congregations to which I preach. The season has been such - so many cold and rainy Sabbaths - the people living at so great a distance from the places of worship, and being so illy provided with the means of conveyance and the houses being uncomfortable in cold weather, that my congregations have usually been very small. Probably much more so than they would have been under other circumstances. Since the warm weather has commenced my congregations have been gradually increasing, and there is a prospect that they will continue to increase as the season advances. It will however be a long time before they are large, if they ever are, owing to the sparseness of the population, and the large number of those who differ in their faith from us. The watchmen do not all see eye to eye, and not a few of them seem to feel it their duty to widen the breach (already too wide) between their people and those who think differently from them. We hope however that the time is drawing nigh when less hostility will be felt towards our denomination than has been manifested hitherto. As we become better known, the people will be able to judge of us for themselves and will not be under the necessity of placing implicit reliance on the statements of those who choose to think rather hardly of us, and who sometimes do not hesitate to impeach our motives, as well as misrepresent our doctrines.) All the clergymen with whom I have conversed, feel disposed fro the present state of things, to hope for better times in our church in future. The Presbytery which met in this place early in April, was attended by twenty clergymen – a number somewhat larger than I believe there have ever had at any of their previous meetings.

Since the date of my last communication I have been preaching at this pla in Crawford Co. at Fayetteville & Monticello. ¶ I have preached also in othe places, and have been into the newly settled country between the Flint an Chattahoochie rivers. This region is entirely new, has been inhabited by white but little more than a year. There are however several little churches recen ly organized, which will doubtless prosper if they can receive the necessa attention from clergymen. One missionary is preaching a part of his time there and another has been appointed to go there by the Miss Soc. connected wit the Hopewell Presbytery. At the meeting of the M. Soc. the directors assigned me the four following places as my field of labour for the present year – Forsythe, Crawford, Monticello & Clinton. The three places first named will probably occupy the chief of my attention – the last is very much under the influence of the methodists, and is this year occupied by one of their most popular preachers. At Monticello there is as yet no church organized we hope however there will be one organized in the course of a few weeks. The Baptists have offered us the use of their house, till we shall have one built, for which purpose a considerable amount of funds have be subscribed. At Clinton there was once a church (Presbyterian) but it has been years since they have had the ordinances administered to them, and the few members once there are very much scattered]

Mr Stiles requests me to say that the Miss. Soc. is making efforts to increase their funds: at present they are very low. There was a prospect last fall that considerable would be raised among the churches, but just as they were about to make their collections their agent Mr Chamberlin was taken sick and has not to this day entirely recovered his health. Arrangements have been made, I believe, to render the society more efficient in time to come. A part of my support it is probable will be derived from the congregations to which I preach, how large a portion I cannot tell. As soon however as it is rec.d I will pay it over as directed.

Mistake

In publishing a portion of my last letter in the A.H.M. & P. Journal a mistake was made, or else I made a mistake in writing my letter. Instead of from "fifteen to twenty five" (25) - it should have read - fifteen to seventy five (75) - I wish you would [illegible] the correction as early as may be, if you think it worth while.

There are Bible societies in most of the counties in which I preach - none of them are in a flourishing condition. In some of them are tract societies, but they are not efficient. In this place and at Monticello are flourishing Sabbath Schools recently organized, and I have recently organized a Bible class in connexion with a Baptist brother who is teaching in this place. For all these causes I hope to be able to do something more in time to come. There are now many difficulties which at times seem insurmountable. God however can remove them, and he will do it. I shall in the course of a few days draw on your Soc. through my brother. Please send the A.H.M. to this place - Forsyth Monroe Co. May God prosper you in all your labours is the prayer of Yours in the Lord Jesus

D. M. Winston

Rev. [illegible] Winston Forsyth Ga.
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Rev Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S
144 Nassau St
New York

[Winston, Rev. D.M.]

Monticello Ga. 1st June 1829

Rev. & Dr. Sir

This will be handed you by Mr Baldwin a merchant of this place. Mr B. will be able to answer any inquiries which may be made concerning the enclosed communication. A small church is now organized in this place; with a fair prospect that additions will be made to it in time to come, if the labours of some servant of God can be engaged.

This is one of the places assigned to me by the Missionary Soc. of Ga. as the Field of labour for the coming year. Many of the inhabitants of the town are northern men, who have presbyterian prepossessions. and we hope they may some of them at least by & by become members of our church; we know that many of them feel disposed to favour our object.

You may place implicit reliance on the statements made by those who sign the enclosed communications. and I hope, that in your wisdom you may be able to devise some way to afford them the desired aid.

If anything or nothing can be done for them on trial, it is their request that you would write to them immediately, that they may know what to do, and what arrangements to make. None of the committee who address you are members of the Church, but all of them feel desirous, on their own account, as well as for the sake of their families to see a Church fostered here, and to enjoy the stated labours of some clergyman of our denomination.

With sentiments of respect & esteem
I remain yours affectionately
D. M. Winston

Rev. D. M. Winston
Monticello, Geo. June 1st 1829
Respecting the ch. at Monticello &
application of A D Reese & others

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The Reverend Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A.H.M.S
144 Nassau St
New York

Mr Baldwin Esq

[Holt, Rev. Edwin]

[SAVANNAH]

Savannah June 26. 1830

Rev & dear Sir

Presuming that you retain some recollection of me (altho' from the slightness of our acquaintance & the variety & pressure of your engagements I should not be surprised if you do not) without introducing myself I shall proceed to address you upon a subject connected with the operations of your valuable Society — it is to inquire if something more cannot be done for Georgia —

Compelled by ill health to resign my charge in New Jersey I have spent the past winter in this State — & expect to remain here until I become better or worse — My opportunity of ascertaining the Spiritual Statistics of this State by personal inspection have not been very good — but I have learnt enough on this subject from ministers who have travelled over the State — especially from Mr Styles, who may be regarded as the Father of half the Presbyterian Churches of the State — to satisfy me that here is an opening for precisely such efforts as those made by the Home Missionary S — an opening which must receive attention now if ever.

The details I shall now make may not be new to you but I will just state them previously to proposing what may be done for the spiritual welfare of the State.

A number of Presbyterian Churches have been formed in the growing parts of the State. They are small - surrounded with opposers (not in the form of Infidels & Universalists so much as) in the form of Methodists who are the predominant sect. Presbyterianism has its favourers in almost every county - & they embrace some of most reputable men. In the older parts of the State are some Presbyterian Churches able & tolerably well organized - as Washington (Wilkes Cy.) Athens, Augusta, Darien & St Marys - & some Independent Chhs. with Presbn. Pastors as Savannah Liberty Cy or Medway &c a small church in White Bluff district near Savannah.

The Presbyterian Chhs that are able to support the ministry are very few. I believe I have named the most of them - &c. Many of the rest depend on casual supplies. There is a Domestic Missionary S.y. in the State - confined I believe chiefly to the Hopewell Presby - You may judge how much it accomplishes from the fact - (a fact mentioned at a meeting of Synod last fall) that not one of the Presb. ministers of that Presby. could depend on his salary alone for support - The feeble churches, ~~as well as the~~ are kept from making the exertions they might make by the prevailing impression, (an impression which the efforts I will not say the example of the Methodists will not allow to be effaced) - that it is wrong to support a preacher. Yet they are not indifferent on the subject - they wish earnestly for ~~it~~ preaching. Nor will they be satisfied with an uneducated ministry - their error is the error of education & could be easily removed if they once enjoyed the sole & faithful labours of a well educated Pastor -

But how are they to be supplied? - not by their own exertions - for they are too weak & the abovementioned impression keeps them from doing what they can. The domestic Missy Society cannot supply one quarter of the wants - It seems to me that many of these churches must become extinct unless some of the Northern Societies come to their help -

There are resources in this state that might by a proper

care be developed & applied to the relief of the weak Churches
The Presbn & Independent Chhs of the Lowlands could be united by the effort to supply the interior Churches & they could do much — The Indt Chhs of Savannah & Liberty County are rich Churches — The Presbn Chhs of the "Up-Country" contain some that could do much also — There are sectional jealousies that may render united effort difficult but I believe that with judicious management this obstacle might be overcome & that the undeveloped resources of the able Churches both — Upland & Low country might be organized & brought out into successful operation. There are to be found insulated individuals of wealth & piety who would rejoice to do something for the promotion of any thing but Methodism in Georgia. These efforts of such persons if well concentrated would make up a considerable item in a Domestic Missionary fund — Something is wanted to elicit & combine the efforts of such individuals.

The cause is a popular one. as far it is Domestic Foreign Missions are shamefully neglected as far as I can learn throughout the State - The report of the American Board for last year recognizes no Auxiliary in Georgia - & not a Dollar received from the State - Something is done for Education Societies & something very considerable ought to be done for domestic Missions within the State -

What I would propose is that your Society appoint an agent for this State - whose business it shall be to organize the Churches in the system of supplying their State - Such efforts would result, I am persuaded, in the discovery that the Churches of Georgia ~~the State~~ are not so helpless as they are commonly supposed - A corps of very effective Christians might thus be embodied - whose desultory - undirected - scattered exertions are now next to nothing - At first however the burden of such an agency would rest heavily upon the General Society - But I am convinced that if the Managers of that Society could see how critical is the present period of the Spiritual Condition of the State - how much timely aid is needed. & what a harvest - in the organization of well regulated effective churches would result from such an appropriation of their aid — they would not hesitate —

True the field is not as inviting as the valley of the Mississippi — But if I am not misinformed there is in most of the "Up-country" every thing to make it an important Country — it is settling with considerable rapidity — & unless religious institutions are soon & well established the favourable opportunity will be lost — & ignorance & infidelity will hold their withering sceptre over no uninviting district —

[I ought to mention that much as Georgia needs assistance from Northern Societies — Whatever step is taken ought to be taken with the most delicate regard to the strong prejudices which exist against every thing Northern — Your Society ~~and~~ may not be as much the favourite of ministers here as the Society of the General Assembly. Still I think it would more easily accomplish the proposed object than the Presbn. board of Missions — These Independent Churchs (which as I said tho' few are rich) would give their aid to an Agency established by the Home Missionary Society — While they would not enter cordially into the views of a Presbyterian agency – This is strikingly true of the Independent Church of this City which altho' it assumes the title of Presbyterian has been embittered against Presbyterianism by some steps taken in reference to their former Pastor Dr Kollock –

I do not know that the Presbn Board have formed the intention of sending a general agent to this state. If they have it has been done quite recently. Some of the Ministers are agents to direct Missionaries to their fields of labour – but at present there is no general agent –

The Synod of Georgia & S. Carolina meet next fall – if any step should be taken by your society to supply the wants of Georgia – it might be well to have the business proposed at that meeting – If you wish any co-operation in proposing the business to that body what I can do shall be cheerfully done. If not present at the meeting myself I can propose whatever is necessary thro' Mr Styles – Should you wish to hold any correspondence with me in relation to the business – I am at present supplying the 1st Presbn Chh of Savannah – an infant congregation – I expect to be in this city at least till the beginning of winter —

Respectfully yours
Edwin Holt

P.S. I send for the Pastors Journal (if you think it worthy of insertion) a short account of some of the usefulness of an elder in the Church of Westfield N.J. — What is now stated took place during the winter before last — & was related to me by himself

An example of lay-usefulness —

Mr D— a member of a church in New Jersey deemed it his privilege to embrace every judicious opportunity of persuading others to embrace religion — One day as he was setting out for a neighbouring village he said to a young man in his employ I am going to B— and shall call to see your mother. "Do not say a word to her" the young man eagerly replied "on the subject of religion — She cannot bear such conversation You will be insulted — she will spit in yr face" — Mr D not intimidated by such a ~~pro~~ disheartening prospect persisted in his determination — On arriving at the house where he supposed she was to be found he inquired of a woman, a stranger to him, whether she was at home — "Yes Mr D." was the reply & "She will be down directly" — "You seem to know me" said he to the strange woman — "I do I have good reason to know you" "Where did you see me" - "Dont you remember that you visited a poor man in the Alms house of this town about 8 or 9 years ago? And talked with him about his soul & prayed with him? He was a man who did not believe in religion. he opposed it with all his heart - your conversation was blessed to his conversion. He died happy. And that man was my husband. O Mr D I have much reason to remember you for your conversation with my poor husband" - The good man had not heard before of the result of his visit to that man & the intelligence drew from his eyes tears of gratitude.

Presently the woman whom he came to visit entered the room & accosted him in a very kind manner. He immediately addressed to her some religious conversation in a very conciliating manner - among other remarks he said "you are advancing like myself towards the end of life - In a few more years your soul will be in another world - Are you preparing my friend for this great change?" In a very subdued manner this aged woman acknowledged that she had neglected her soul & seemed to manifest considerable distress at her past treatment of religion. She wept freely & begged of Mr D. to pray for her - she had been known to abuse clergymen who called to visit her. The minister of the place despairing of a change in one

so inveterately hostile to religion had discontinued his visits—
Can not some laymen like Mr. E thus occupy a place of usefulness from
which clergymen are excluded by the strong prejudices of opposers of religion?

Rev [illegible] Holt. Savannah

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Ans. July 12

Rev. Absalom Peters
144 Nassau St
New York—

Rev. Edwin Holt. Savannah
June 26. 1830 — description of
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& recommending [illegible] to send an
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1 [Hudson, D.]

[AUGUSTA]

Revd A Peters. Augusta Nov. 9. 1830

Dear Sir

Above you have a check on S & M Allen for $ 10. being for subscriptions to the Home Missionary as follows.

Thomas Evans —	1	copy	$ 1 —	Commencing with Nov. number for 1 Year	
Wm J. Hobby	1	do	1 —		
J. S. Jenkins —	1	do	1 —		
N Gilbert —	1	do	1 —		
Geo. J McClesky	1	do	1 —		
Rev. S K Talmage			1		
Nylis Catlin			1		
D Hudson			1		$ 8 —
donation					2
					$ 10

The first 5 are new subscribers commencing the present month. The last 3 are for the coming year continued — All of Augusta — A Boggs has withdrawn his subscription

[Hudson, D.]

[AUGUSTA]

you will please discontinue his number. I have been able to obtain but few Subscribers - from various causes it seems very hard to circulate your pamplet in this community as we are unfortunately better supplied with good merchants than good Christians There are many however who feel friendly to the institution though of such mostly as are least able to afford assistance

Respectfully Yours &c

D Hudson

[Hudson, D.]

Augusta June 25. 1830 -

Mr Absalom Peters

Dear Sir

You will please alter the direction of the Home missionary & P. J. - for Mr Augustus - Moore from Augusta to Cincinnatti, he having removed with his family to that ~~ft~~ City - From the peculiarity of my situation for the last six months I have been able to effect nothing for the cause of the Home missionary but hope the season of the summer months will afford an opportunity to increase the circulation of this valuable publication in the vicinity of Augusta -

Respectfully Yours &c

D Hudson -

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D. Hudson Augusta
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pd Mr. Sayre $2 - donation

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Revd Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Society
No. 144. Nassau St
New York

[Johnston, James C.A.]

Savannah May 21st. 1830

Chas. Hall Esq
Assistant Treas. &c.

Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you a Draft on Bank of America N.Y. for Thirty 60/100 Dollars = Fourteen 60/100 Dollars of which you will please pay over to Rev. A. Dickinson being Amt Collected for him on a/c National Preacher

& Sixteen Dollars on a/c Home Missy. & Pastors Journal recd. as follows

Mr. Fredk. Pensler ----	$1.00	
Mr Wm Starr ----	1.00	Charged Jan 7. 1830
do ----------	1.00	
E S Rees ----	2.00	Darien
William Dunham	1.00	
Mrs Mary E Anderson	1.00	[illegible]
George Hunter	1.00	
Rev. Lord	2.00	
Mrs Juliana Eppinger	2.00	
Holmes & Lee	2.00	Stopt Ap. 1831 +
Daniel Gugel	2.00	do . do*
	$16.00	

—— * please send the remaining Nos. for this Gent. directed to me ——

Respectfully
James C. A. Johnston

Mr. Jos. George wishes you to discontinue the work after Ap. 1831

+ To be stopt after close present vol

May 31. 1830 Paid J Eastman $14.60

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D. Hudson
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July 8. 1830
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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Society
144 Nassau St.
New York

[Johnston, James C.A.]

[SAVANNAH]

Savannah April 18th 1831

C. Hall Esq
Agt Trea &c. N.Y.

Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you Ten Dollars for Subscriptions of the following persons to Home Missionary & Pastors Journal

Miss Bond	$1.00
Mr Jno Lewis	1.00
Mrs Griffith	1.00
Mrs Holmes	3.00
Mrs Jno. Densler	1.00
Mr Archibald Smith	3.00
	$10,00

And also $1.00 enclosed in a Letter addressed to Rev. A. Dickinson for Mr. Wm Starr's Sub. to H. M & P. J making Eleven Dollars in all

Respectfully
James C. A. Johnston

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J. C. A Johnston
Savannah Ga
May 21. 1830

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Chas. Hall Esq.
Assistant Secretary &c.
144 Nassau Street
New York

[COLUMBUS] [NORMAN]

Columbus 7th April 1830

Rev A Peters

Dear Sir

Yours of Nov 2d Duly

Came to hand and am Sorry that it has not been in my Power to do much for the Home Missionary as there is Verrey few Who has Come out from among the world and Professd to be on the Lord Side but thanks be to god our numbers are Increasing and our Countrey Setling and the Morals of our Citizens Improveing and Ocationaly one here and there who fly to Christ as their only Refuge, we have but two Churches in this Place one Baptist With about 46 Members one Methodist With 75 Members we have no Presbyterian Church here we have about fourteen who are Professors of that denomination her at this time we have had one four days Meeting Since I have been here and have had the Reve James Talmage as Visited us twice and Labourd a few days among us a few days and one or two others has Past through here We have two Sunday Schools here one Methodist I do not know the Numbers of the Children the Baptist & Presbyterian are United they Call it the Columbus Union Sunday School there was forty Seven Children on last Sunday and is in a Verrey Flourishing State at this time I have not been able to get many to Patronise the H. M on Acct of So many Diferent Paper taken here I have Recd but two Dollars for Mr Root & Mr Johnson the others are good for the amount Please Write to the Editor of the Sunday School Magazin and Request him to Send me one has I have forgotten Where it is Published I Enclo five Dollars You will Please Pay him in advance and Give me Credit for the Ballance those are the names Who wish the H. M.

Mr Wm Root Columbus Ga Paid
Mr James Johnson do do Paid
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Andrew Griffin d d
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Chas. Hall Esq
Aſsistant Trea. &c
144 Naſsau Street
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James Norman
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[Norman, James]

[Williams, W. H.]

Savannah Geo
Jan 10th 1831 —

Rev A. Peters.

Rev & dear Sir.

In the course of divine providence, I have changed the place of my residence, from North to South —

You will therefore be so good as to discontinue sending the American H. Miss & Pastors Journal to Uxbridge Mass and in future direct and send it me, by mail, at Savannah Georgia —

By the bearer of this letter you will receive two dollars the balance against me for the Missionary I believe, if I am in arrears more than two years, you will please give ~~the~~ a bill to the bearer, who will send it to me, which I will attend to by the first vessel —

So far as my information extends, the state of religion in Geo is any thing, but interesting — Few or no revivals — Churches, Ministers and Laymen are willing, apparently, to have it so — My Brother these things ought not to be so —

We entreat an interest in your prayers in behalf of the State of Geo —

Yours sincerely, in the Christian faith

Wm. H. Williams

N. B. Please to take my name from the list of Agents for the work —

Yours &c

W. H. Williams

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Rev. A Peters

No 144 Nassau Street

New York

[Hobby, William] [AUGUSTA]

Augusta 22d March 1832

Revd A. Peters

Dear Sir

Finding the "Home Missionary" is still directed to me, I beg leave to remind you that I am not at present a Subscriber to that Publication. I Subscribed to it, & paid the Agent here for one year, & about the close of the year I requested the Agent to have the work to me discontinued - On referring to the Letter of the Agent I presume you will find this notice given you, as he informed me had been done - & he supposed as I did when a January number was sent me, that it had been sent into the Post Office, before your Subscription list had been corrected - but as the March number has also been sent me, I beg leave to mention that I am not now a Subscriber to the work, that it may not be continued under a mis apprehension; the Subscription was not discontinued from any dissatisfaction with the work, the merits of which are duly appreciated, but

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W. H. Williams
Savannah Ga
Feb 26. 1831
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Rev Absalom Peters

New York

Care of Mr
Geo Kroggin

from a principle of expediency in relation to the periodical publications I find it convenient to take.

I am Respectfully
Yrs
Wm J Hobby

[McDowell, William A.]

Augusta March 13th 1832 -

My dear Brother

Your kind letter of the 23d Ult- I received on my arrival in this City last evening- It had been forwarded to me here from Charleston I have now been absent from home for six weeks, on an agency for the Theological Seminary of South Carolina and Georgia- and will probably not return to Charleston, until near the close of April, or the first of May- I did indulge the hope I would be able to attend the meeting of the Assembly, this Spring, and to be present at your Anniversaries in New York- but fear now- I will be disappointed, my long absence from home will probably prevent it- When I return to Charleston, I doubt whether it will answer for me to leave home again so soon-

Accept my thanks for yourself, and your Committee for their kind request to take a part with you at the Anniversary of your valuable Society- Were I in New York at that time- It would give me peculiar pleasure ~~in~~ to bear my testimony, however feeble to the unspeakable importance of your Institution- It is an institution I value above all rejoice- and rejoice, as I believe every real Christian must, in its unexampeled

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Revd Absalom Peters
No 144 Nassau Street
New York

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prosperity - May the Lord continue to smile upon your efforts - to spread the Gospel thro-out our Land - If I should be in New York - I will certainly be with you - But my being there is so uncertain, that I wish the Committee not to make any calculations on it - I may be detained in Georgia longer than I now anticipate -

The Lord bless and prosper you -

Your attached friend & Brother

William A. McDowell

Rev. Wm A. McDowell D.D.
Augusta March 13. 1832 — It is
doubtful whether he can attend the
coming Anniversary

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.
New York

Mar. 23. 1832

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[Bonds, Cornelia V.] **1833**

Savannah December 31th, 1833

Rev', and Dear Sir —

At a late meeting of the Savannah Female Missionary Society, I was requested as the Secretary of it, to inform you, they had at *last* a prospect of engaging a Missionary — he is a Mr Hall B Colson, a Baptist minister who they wish to employ, at least for six Months, in a conty where there is great ignorance, a sad neglect of the Sabbath and other religious duties, and where the labours of a pious missionary are much needed. They have in the Treasury but seventy one Dollars — they wish to know what aid the *parent society* can afford them. I believe three hundred and fifty dollars was transmitted to *that* society — and all they have ever drawn from it, was payment for Mr Sewells services for four Months. The earliest notice of this letter, and an order for what ever amount the parent society can afford, is requested as the missionary is waiting for an answer —

Respectfully yours
Cornelia V Bond.

C. V. Bond — Savannah — Decr 31 [illegible]

Requesting aid in behalf of Rev^{d} H B Colson for 6 mo.

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Revd Absalom Peters

New York

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[Quillin, Rev. William]

[CLARKESVILLE]

Clarkesville, Geo. 9th December 1833.

Dear Sir — I send inclosed $3.00 as my subscription for the Home Missionary for two years. The first year it was sent without being ordered; the 2nd I ordered it when I requested some aid from your Society in behalf of a very feeble church at Clarkesville. That aid it appears was not granted, and I have still remained rather than leave a feeble church to perish, tho' I have involved myself in debt by it.

The money inclosed will pay all arrearages I believe, and altho I love to read the "Missionary" I have to say I cannot take it any longer. My best exertions shall however always be employed for Missionary Societies for the sake of the cause of my Master,

Yours respectfully. Wm Quillin.

I endeavored to get money near par but could not.

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[Bond, Cornelia V.]

[SAVANNAH]

Savannah Decbr — 3th 1834

Revd Sir —

The last letter I wrote you concerning our Miſsionary Society was that Mr Eggerton would be employed for six Months — since then he has declined on account of his health — but we have engaged Mr Pomeroy, a Presbyterian Minister who will serve for six Months — and this letter is only to inform you of the change of persons, that you may not be surprised when the report is handed to you under another name, from the one your instructions were directed to —.

Very respectfully yours
C V Bond

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Rev. W. Quillin
Clarksville Ga
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Mr Knowles Taylor.
No. 150 Nassau-St.
New York

[Bond, Cornelia J.]

Sav. Aug 13. 1834.

Revd Sir.

Ever since the receipt of your letter of 6th Jany – the Female Missionary Society of this place have been endeavouring to obtain such a labourer in this neglected and important field as would not only prove an able and efficient missionary, but who would from meet the views of the American Home Miss Soc – as declared in your letter. Such an one through the assistance of Dr Goulding of Columbia Seminary we have obtained in the person of Mr Albert M. Egerton, of the Presbyterian persuasion; we have engaged his services for 24 months to commence in December when his studies for the ministry are expected to terminate. Your assistance of course we expect, and do sincerely hope that much good in these darkened regions may be done. For the kindly feelings you express in regard this section of our country and your prayers for our success, we do sincerely thank you, and do intreat their continuance – for we do truly feel that without a blessing from on high, even in such a cause all labour is vain –

Yrs with respect Revd Sir

Cornelia T. Bond.

Sec: Fem. Miss. Soc. Sav.

Mrs. C. V. Bond [illegible]
Savannah Ga Dec 3, 1834. Rev. A
M. Edgerton declines his commission
on account of his health. Rev.
Pomeroy is employed by them

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Rev. Abselom Peters D.D.
New-York.

Recd. Dec 12

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Cornelia V. Bond Savannah Ga Aug 13. 1834. The Fem. Miss. Soc. have engaged Rev. A. M. Edgerton as a Missionary & will need assistance.

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Revd Absalom Pe[illegible]
150. Nassau St
New York

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[Fowles, James H.]

St. Mary's June 19. 1834

Dear, & Respected Brother,—

My last letter contained an account of my labors during the time included between Oct. 2[illegible]th. 1833, & Jan. 20th. 1834. It is now incumbent on me to report to you the [illegible] in which I have occupied myself since the last-mentioned period.—

During the last quarter, I have resided in Waynesville (Wayne Co.) situated about midway between St. Mary's & Darien. A church has been instituted there, within ~~the~~ three ~~past~~ years, by the Rev. Joseph Stiles. Its present ~~No.~~ number of members is sixteen. It labors yet under many disadvantages. The extremes of the Parish are separated from each other between 30 & 40 miles. Hence, it is but seldom or never, the whole Congregation assembles. They are now, however, erecting a building in a more central part of the parish; & thus, this difficulty will be in a measure obviated. The members of the Congregation very seldom see each other, & many of them entertaining but little respect for the Sabbath; the hours before & between worship are spent chiefly in conversation on secular affairs (agriculture, politics &c). Their minds thus preoccupied with the world regard as fanatical those doctrines, which require them to render the world subservient, & to count all things but loss, for the knowledge of Christ. There are, too, in the neighborhood, many men of liberal education, men of property, whose influence is extensive, who openly avow Infidelity, ~~& cooperate with the enemy of souls.~~ —

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It would be easy to specify numerous other obstacles to the success of the Gospel, which are peculiar to that vicinity; but the great difficulty, & indeed the originating cause of nearly all the rest, is one, with which every portion of the State is in common cursed. It is *slavery*. The influence of this institution may be perceived throughout all the ramifications of Society. It is attributable to slavery that, the fornicator & adulterer are not only tolerated, but even respected. — The child, who is born in affluence, — from infancy is surrounded by those, whom he is allowed to command, & who, if beaten by this young tyrant, are not permitted to complain. This creates a will of his own, renders him obstinate, 'disobedient to parents', & fits him for a future course of crime. — — — The wealthy slave-holder, when traversing his own plantation meets with none who can or dare say to him 'what doest thou?' The least apparent resistance or opposition he can & does, severely punish. Thus puffed up with pride, he is rendered habitually dictatorial & tyrannical. He leaves his own premises, - meets with his equal in the eye of the law, - whose circumstances have engendered a similarly illiberal spirit, - they mutually regard difference of opinion as an encroachment on their rights, & if it happen, it is treated as a personal insult, & dissension, & perhaps bloodshed ensue. — — — It would be easy, Sir, to amplify these & similar thoughts; but to you, who have had such abundant opportunity to acquaint yourself with the blighting effects of slavery, - an apology is perhaps needed for the introduction into this letter of what has been already said. — — Suffice it to say:- *that* the wonder is not there are *so few Christians*; but that there are *so many*, who in such a state of Society are brought under the saving influence of the Gospel. We can attribute it to nought else, but the omnipotent, all subduing *grace of God*. — — — —

An instance of great ignorance

As regards the immediate results of my labors in Wayne Co. & vicinity, but little has been apparently done. No revival of religion has taken place. The Church has, however been aroused, in a measure, to its duty. More brotherly love pervades the followers of Christ, & there is, I think, more prayer in behalf of Zion, - a greater desire now than for a year or two past that, the Lord would appear & revive His work. — — — I have not preached constantly in one place, but have laboured in various parts of Camden, Wayne, & Glynn Cos. In some instances, I have preached to assemblies of only 10 or 12, who seldom hear the Gospel, & who are very ignorant of the fundamental doctrines of our holy religion. As an instance of the gross ignorance which pervades the lower classes of *whites*, allow me to mention the following anecdote:- An eminently pious Lady induced several young females to attend her on the Sabbath, in order to impart to them religious instruction. She soon ascertained that she must begin with the very *rudiments*. A girl of about 15 years of age, of ordinary capacity, avowed *total ignorance of the story of the cross*.

When told of the death of Jesus, she replied: "Is Jesus dead? I never heard that before." Unless the friends of Christ bestir themselves,- ere the millennial day arrive,- nominally christian lands will be enveloped in pagan darkness, & need Missionary influence to evangelize them.- - -

Agents of the Bible Soc. would find abundant field for the distribution of the word of God in this destitute portion of the State.- - Cause of Temperance:

There is in Wayne & Glynn Cos. a very flourishing Temp. Soc. of about 160 members. There have been some few additions to it, of late. I delivered an address (as I advised you in my previous letter, I intended) at Jefferson in this Co. A Soc. of 13 members was formed. Some influential men entered into the measure; & it is hoped, & believed, this Soc. will soon rival in numbers any in the vicinity.

At Waynesville, in Mid-summer,- owing to the great distance at which the building they at present meet in,- is from most of the Parishioners, there are many, who on account of the extreme heat are prevented from attending public worship. Some, too, leave the place, during the summer-months. The weather likewise being here very debilitating, I have concluded to spend the remaining portion of the summer in the upper part of the State. I have for this reason come to St. Mary's to avail myself of the public conveyance.- - -

The people, to whom I have been ministering have contributed to my support $85. There would otherwise have been due me from the Soc. on July 20. $200. I shall this day draw on you in favor of Mr. Wm. Clarke (a merchant of this place, who has advanced the amount of my note) for $115. On July 20., my accounts with the Soc. will be balanced.- - -

The remaining four months of the year I shall probably labor in the upper sections of the State.- With an earnest prayer for the prosperity & success of our Soc. & for you personally I subscribe myself

yours in Christ
James H. Fowler

P. S.- I shall draw my note for services rendered from Jan. 21. to May 4.,- & consider the 85 dollars contributed,- as paid by the Soc. for services which have been, & those, which will be, rendered, from May 4 to July 20. J. H. F.

Rev. Jas. H. Fowles — St. Mary
June 19th 1834

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Rev. A. Peters D. D.
No. 144 Nassau-St.
New-York

Printed

Recd June 30

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[Fowles, Rev. James H.]

Waynesville Feb. 26th 1834

Rev., & dear Sir,— By the kind superintending Providence of God, after a short tho' boisterous passage, I arrived safely, & in perfect health at Savannah. I immediately called on the Rev. W. Preston, to whom I was referred in my instructions for advice in the selection of my field of labor.

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[— Georgia is divided into two sections, called the Up, & the Low Countries. The former, the Northern section comparatively resembles ~~resembles~~, both as regards its soil, & the character of its inhabitants, the New-England States. It is likewise comparatively well supplied with Preachers of the Gospel. Our Methodist Brethren station in that section their most able men. But even this portion of the State enjoys but few spiritual privileges. It is only in view of the contrast, which exists between the two sections, that its condition may be termed favorable.—

In the Low Country, the greater part of the land is exceedingly sterile,—called Pine-barrens. It is only here & there that a fertile spot presents itself. Many such spots too are left uncultivated. Hence the population is exceedingly sparse: & the stated means of grace but seldom enjoyed. There appears now, however, to be a growing desire to enjoy the benefits of a preached Gospel. The possession of this blessing will, from the scattered state of the population, be attained only at considerable expense. There appears to be a wish to enjoy its ~~the~~ privileges & to this end, some few are willing to make great sacrifices. But men qualified in will & intellect to preach "Christ, & him crucified" cannot be procured. This portion of the Lord's vineyard is mourning over the want of labourers.

Their ~~previous~~ stinted supply ~~too~~ has been confined al-
-most entirely to an itinerant Methodist Clergy, who are
very far from being qualified for the business they
have undertaken. —

It was in view of these facts, ~~as stated by Mr. Preston,~~
that the southern section of the State was chosen as
my field of labor. — —

About twelve or thirteen weeks I have spent in the
extreme southern section of the State (St. Marys & its
vicinity). The population within 30 or 40 miles of
St. M. - are entirely destitute of the means of grace, excep-
-ting an occasional sermon from the circuit-Rider, - whose
field of labor is very extensive. I should not, however, hav
occupied more than half the above-mentioned time in
that vicinity, if it had not been in my opinion incum
-bent on me to supply the pulpit of the Clergyman i
St. Marys, who during some six weeks was absent, a
[illegible] time of the Session of the Synod of S. C. & Ga.

The moral aspect of things has been greatly ~~altered~~ changed in the
Southern section of Camden Co. within the past two, o
three years. This ~~change~~ is chiefly to be attributed to two
causes: — a revival of religion, ~~which occurred thro the in-~~
~~-strumentality of a Mr. Baker (whose preaching has ev-~~
~~-erywhere been much blessed)~~ about the commencement of t
year 1832, - & the successful operation of the Temperance Re
-ormation, which tho undertaken with unfavorable auspi
has since become popular, & partially triumphant. But
there is much yet to be effected in behalf of the last-menti
-ed cause. It has, however, gained the approbation of
many influential men, & it is to be hoped, it needs on
the enlightened & untiring efforts of its friends to insu
it ultimately complete success. ~~The Society now numbers~~

about 120 members. It is called the Camden Co. Temp. Soc. - but its members reside chiefly in St. Marys. The cause has never been presented to some portions of the Co. On the 3rd Sunday of the following month, I have appointed a meeting in a central part of the Co. -.. I trust a large No. will assemble. (The Sabbath was selected, because only a few ~~only~~ would attend on another day. And, under such circumstances, I see nothing inconsistent with the sacred obligations of the day, for the Christian to occupy a portion of the time in forwarding an enterprise on which God must look with complacency.) - -

If required to draw up a schedule, similar to the one contained in my 'instructions', it would if confined to the field of my past labors (excepting St. Marys, which, under ordinary circumstances, is not Missionary ground) leave each caption blank. With this exception, ~~Neither~~ neither churches nor benevolent Societies are here organized; & ~~And~~, it is to be feared, some time will yet elapse, before the [illegible]lation will estimate a preached Gospel [illegible] be induced to support, & attend the stated (excepting St. Marys) means of grace. This remark is intended to apply to every portion of Camden Co., embracing, I should judge, 1600 square miles, & about 4 or 5000 inhabitants. - -

Slavery

In St. Marys there are one Presbyterian, one Methodist, & one African church. The latter has no supply; but depends entirely on the gratuitous efforts of ~~one of~~ the two clergymen of the other Churches. ~~Every Sabbath evening however, one or the other of these officiates.~~ While there, I preached, to the blacks, every Sunday evening, & occasionally met them during the week; & rarely have I had an audience in which I felt more deeply interested. These African churches are multiplying throughout the country; & will no doubt, under God, effect much good. Masters are willing to have their slaves instructed respecting the salvation of their souls. The general impression is that, piety increases their value. Some exceptions exist to this remark. A few masters are unwilling to allow their slaves any spiritual privileges. But to the honor of humanity, such instances are rare. I have never yet encountered any difficulty in getting access to the slaves of a plantation. Most Masters are *desirous*, that their slaves should enjoy the benefits of a preached Gospel; & some few are willing to incur the expense of providing them a regular Ministry, if suitable men could be procured. — — — — — I am now labouring in a Church situ- in Wayne, the Co. adjoining Camden; recently built up & organized by brother Stiles; — but as the report of my labors here belong rather to the present quarter, I shall defer it until its proper time. — — — The last quarter, commencing ~~with~~ on the 21st of Oct. closed on the 20th of last month. I shall authorize brother Magill, when he visits your city to request the payment to him of one fourth of my year's salary. From the people to whom I have ministered during the past quarter, I thought it neither expedient nor proper to request any remuneration for my services. The people among whom I at present labor, have agreed to share with the Soc., if not totally exonerate it from the burden of my support. — — — Any information respecting this region, dear Sir, which you deem desirable, I would be pleased with your requesting by letter. Likewise, any advice, which your long experience would enable you to impart, would be thankfully received by your young brother — James H. Fowles. —

P.S. — I believe you occasionally publish the communications of the Missionaries of the Board. Tho' the facts contained in this letter are at your service; neither ~~a part~~ the whole, nor ~~the whole~~ a part is intended for the public eye. — — You would confer a favor, dear Sir, by procuring at the next session of your Presb. my dismission, & a recommendation to the Ga. Presb. — & forwarding it to me. Address St. Marys.

Jas. H. Fowles — Waynesville
Ga. Feby 26th 1834 —

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Description of Ga. — Has laboured at St. Marys & in the vicinity 12 or 13 weeks. — General willingness to have slaves instructed

Langsbury Ga
Feby, 27th

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Rev. Absalom Peters D. D.
New York City

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Dis[illegible]sion from Presb.
atte[illegible] to by letter to
Mr. [illegible]ton —

[Kitchell, Aaron]

White Oak Columbia Co. Georgia Jany 16th

[COLUMBIA]

Dear Sir,

I feel in duty bound to explain my case which came before you. I fear you have not had the straight of it. It is this, I stood a respectable examination on my literary course before the Newark Presbytery. But I predjudiced them unaccountably in my theological course, by applying for license at too early a date. I had studied theology but one year & was not fully established on every point. I wished it to be understood that I intended to study another year, I applied for license because three of my classmates applied at the same time, & because theory is useless unless reduced to practice. It would give me an opportunity to practice. I passed along in the examination pretty respectably, till the question was put to me "Do you believe in the Definite or Indef. Atonement?" I objected, on the ground that I expected to examine that point more deeply & that it was dangerous for young men to commit themselves, that they were liable to be biassed, or to change their minds.
The Presbytery was confused, & from that time every face was set against me, (The public mind was very much inflamed at that time you know by the Barns question,) They advised me not to prosecute my examination, I told them that I was willing to answer any questions on the Atonement, I objected to that question only for the above reasons. They did not say but that they were satisfied. I then stood on Biblical & Ecl. History

They were very unfair, I saw at once that they were set against me. They put every puzzling question that they could think of & so others, such as these, How old was Adam when Seth was born? How old was Noah when the flood came? How old was Abraham when he was Called? &c &c. I saw that there was no hope for me, I therefore withdrew,—. I thought that I would be prepared next time. I studied not only books but men all winter & founded myself on the disputed points in Theology— But in the Spring I was still more unfortunat Instead of examining me, they called for my pieces. I had prepared them hastily. I had devoted all my time to study— But they all passed except the critical exegesis— They had given me the Atonement for a theme, I therein proved that the "law is satisfied." The Presbytery thought differently. they were offended & said that I had not applied myself or I would think as they did. I replied that I had paid particula attention to that point. And the same argt. that proved the A necessary, proved the law answered. They would hear no more And I had to leave them. I did not leave them however til I sought advice. A majority advised me to leave, all indu with whom I had an interview. Mr Hamilton said there was no hope for me, Mr Hay said I had better study medicine I was hurt. I did not know what to make of such treatment. They either doubted my piety, or they did not feel for souls as I did. The thought of spending my life in any other way filled me with horror, my only desire was to be useful, & I felt that I could not be happy in any other way. And to be advised by a body of ministers to abandon the ministry after so much preparation, while there was such a want of ministers shocked me. Now what would you have done?

What could you have done? I was willing to do any thing
If they had told me to do any thing I would have done it
If I could consistently, to obtain license. But they had
closed the Presbytery against me. I sought advice, Dr.
Miller advised me to leave, I did not know what to do,
As to renounce my opinion I could not, & I had done all
that I could. If God had not given me ability to act in
a high sphere I sincerely wished to fill some humble
station. But either of these charges made my case hopeless
What could I do? What would you have done? I besought
the Lord, to make the path of duty plain before me. I had
not wish to injure his Cause nor my own usefulness.
I was moved with a sincere desire to get into the ministry.
I blessed the Lord for this trial of my faith. it was a
trial, but I could say with David "It was good for me
to be afflicted." It was just what I needed to prepare me
for his service, It taught me that it was a self denying work
And proved me whether I loved it more than the world,
Thanks to God, He sustained me, He did not suffer me in this
trying moment to turn my back to the ministry & my face to
the world, I sought the path of duty, I had friends in Vermont, I could obtain license there, God seemed to say [illegible]
Duty seemed to say "Go", The Rev. Mr Conduit said "Go". I
went, Was licensed, gave entire satisfaction, Preached
three months with perfect approbation, Then my health
failed, I was obliged to Come home, stop preaching & look out
for a Southern Station, The reason why I concealed this
from you was because I did not know that it was necessary to tell you, I did not know that I was under obligations to tell the world of it. & I was afraid it would injure
my usefulness. I was in hope that no one would ever mention
it. I determined never to do so unless forced to it. I do not love even
to think of such things, they are small enemies to piety, they are the eye sores of religion

This is the spirit that kills all piety in Ministers & Churches. As to your saying that you could not countenance me, because I did not come recommended from some Presbytery, I do not see the force of that. If I came recommended by an Association, & approved in my active labours. How Could you receive Mr Martin? Besides you know if a person is turned out of one Presbytery unfairly or any how, there is such an alliance between all Presbyteries there is a [illegible] of them, or he must submit. I do not say that this is wrong. I say it is right. I love Presbyterianism It is a good System If men are Holy. I forgive & ask forgiveness— I feel friendly to every member of Newark Presbytery. I do not blame them I blame myself— Had I my life to live over again, such an event would not happen. But I regard it as the hand of Providence. "Bless the Lord O my soul." All that I wanted of you was a commission Not but that I could trust a good Lord, I regard this also as a Providence He put me to the test. And as soon as He brought me there, He aided me.

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Rev. Aaron Kitchell
White Oak (Ga) Jany 16 1834
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Respecting his application for aid

White Oak Geo
22 January
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Revd Absalom Peters D.D.
150 Nassau St.
New York

I feel grateful to you for your advice. I am now in Columbia Co, Georgia, at White oak. Preaching for my board, I glory in it. I had rather do it than to take a bribe or to preach for filthy lucre. I only want God to place me where I can do most good. We are going to hold a protracted meeting next week, pray that the Lord may be here, as He is in Augusta, this is the best way to work here the people are so scattered. Pray that you would ask Mr Hallock if he received a tract from me on the first of January & write to me at White oak. Co Co, Ga. Yours truly Aaron Kitchell

[Olcott, James S.] [SPRINGFIELD]

Springfield March 22d 1834

Revd Abm Peters

Dear Brother,

Enclosed you receive a ten dollar note. You may enter it as, it may do good — "Interest on charity received for a feeble congregation."

If you have time I wish you would inform me with what printing establishment I should be in all probability most successful in opening a correspondence. I wish to publish, and if successful, to a considerable extent, an octavo vol of from two hundred and sixty to two hundred and eighty pages. If you will inform me soon you will lay me under deep obligation.

I have not forgotten my pledge to the Society — I unfortunately engaged here in a worldly business and built at an expense of $2000 in consequence of which I have not been able to redeem it.

I rejoice to find that the Society prospers — it is a part of the church — is the subject of many prayers — of much gratitude and love —

With sentiments of much esteem & Christian love I am Dr. Sir Yr. Br. in Christ

James S. Olcott

Revd Absolom Peters Secy.

Rev. Jas. S. Olcott Spring-
field Ga. Mar 22d 1834

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Enclosing $10. — Cannot ful-
fil his pledge at present
Requests information

Dove & Butterfield
70 Fulton St.

Willowby P.O. Ga
25 March

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Revd Absolom Peters

Secretary A.H.M.S.

No 87 ~~Nassau St.~~
Society House
N. York

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Ans.

Ans.d April 21.

Brunswick March 24, 1834

Rev. & Dear Sir-

We have recently changed the location of our Manual Labor Acady from Langsburg to Brunswick Glynn Cony. The reason of this change was an offer of lands for agricultural purposes & the use of a small academic frame which will, we hope enable us to enlarge our operations. We hope to establish the school on the self supporting principle but it requires some sacrifice in the onset. I am obliged to expend all my salary or rather to labor without one in order to get the system fairly under way- This I mention only as an evidence of my present inability to contribute to the aid of the Home Missionary Society- A society in which my whole heart is and always has been interested- Oh that some of your missionaries might be sent into this region of moral desolation!- Do, Sir,

if you please have the Home Missionary
directed to Alvah Steele, Brunswick Ga.
I hope in the course of another year to do
something towards extending its circulation
in this neighborhood. There is, however,
much more interest felt in cotton plan
than in building up the waste places of
Zion. — I am, dear sir, very affectionately

Your obedient servt.

Alvah Steele

Rev. A. Peters

[Steele, Alvah] [BRUNSWICK]

Alvah Steele — Mar 24th
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Has removed his Manual
Labour Sem'y. from Langsburg
to Brunswick Glynn Co.
Ga. &c &c

Brunswick Ga
March 24

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secretary of the A. H. M. Socy
New York

H. M. attended to

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[Bond, Cornelia V.]

[SAVANNAH]

Sav. March 3. 1835

Revd. Sir

To prevent any misunderstanding, I write to request that you will meet the demand for [illegible] $1.62 50 cts, contained in Mr. Pomeroy's letter, dated yesterday. We are fully aware that the Am. H. Miss Soc. allows to its Missionaries $40 per month, we give $50. and as it is most convenient to us to receive it in that way the "Fem Miss Soc" would thank you instead of sending $1.32 – which would be the sum for three month's and a quarter's services at $40 per month to forward the whole sum above named. Mr. Pomeroy has during this time been labouring sedulously and steadily in the field appointed him, and we would hope has done much good, his reports have been most interesting, and spirit-stirring and we grieve to lose his services, his health however is such now, as to prevent his speaking in public, but he has very kindly, engaged for the remaining three months for which he was originally employed, the services of the Revd. Mr. Haliday, a gentleman who, I believe in the commencement of the winter brought recommendatory letters from yourself.

With many wishes for your continued usefulness in the sphere in which you are engaged, and for the prosperity & success of the Am H. Miss Soc. I remain

Revd Sir – Yours with great respect

Cornelia V. Bond

Sec Fem. D. M. S.

Savannah

[Bond, Cornelia V.]

1835

To the Revd Absolom Peters DD —

Sir Pay to the Rev Thadeus Pomeroy, or order the sum of two hundred dollars, it being for missionary services rendered under the direction of the Savannah Missionary Society, for the term of three months and a quarter of a month agreeably to his Report, and for three quarters of a month's service, under the same direction and in the same field by his Successor, the Rev Solomon F Halliday, as by his report, forwarded by Mr Pomeroy — The above service commenced on the 20th of November 1834 at $50,00 pr Month. $200.00

Cornelia V Bond

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Pomeroy — 20. Nov

Halliday — May 36

Cornelia V. Bond Savannah Ga
March 3, 1835 Concerning the
labors of Rev. T. Pomeroy & Rev.
S. H. Halliday, of Fem Miss Soc.

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Revd Absalom Peters

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[Clark, W.P.]

Savannah September 4th 1835

Revd A. Peters

Dear Sir

I have Collected thirty three dollars and as soon as I can collect to the amount of fifty dollars I will send it to you By mail allmost every one has left the City for fear of Sickneſs and for the present untill further notice I think ten Copies each month will answer of the H. M. Society and when the Copies are sent pleaſe to drop me a few lines by the same vessell that I may be appriſed of it —

yours in hast William P. Clark

Cornelia V. Bond
Savannah Ga
Order to pay Rev.
Thaddeus Pomeroy
& Rev. S. H. Halliday $2 to,
Fem. Miſs Soc.

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To –

The

Rev. Absalom Peters D.D.

New-York

Rev. Mr. Pomeroy.

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W. P. Clark, Savannah
Sep. 4. 1835 Concerning the
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Revd Absalom Peters
Cor. Secretary of the H. M. Society
New york
142 Nassau St

Mail

[Cummings, Joseph]

Silas H Hodges
Asst Tr. A B C F Ms
New york

Sevn Month 24th 1835

Sir

I have only recently had an opportunity of being correctly informed in relation to the Will of Mrs Ann Pray, she it would appear intended to leave the amt. to the Am Board of Comms for Foreign Missions.. but by some ignorance it was misstated.. A Gentleman is pursuing the claim of A B of C F M. and he tells me it is very doubtful if any one will get any money from the bequest. from the Law delays &c— I should be pleased to serve you & the Cause of Missions, but nothing short of a suit can ever determine the rights of the parties for the security of the Executors— I should esteem it more than useless for your Board to pursue the case

Yrs Truly Jos Cummings

Joseph Cumming Savannah
Ga. March 24, 1835.
relating to a legacy said
to have been left by Mrs.
Ann Bray –

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Assistant Secretary A H M S
By water New York

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Rev. Absalom Peters D.D. [Halliday, Rev. S. B.]

Savannah March 20th 1835

~~Miss. Board Sec. S. M. & M. Soc.~~

Dear Brother

In reporting my labors as your Missionary in this city since the 20th ult I have nothing of special interest to relate. My routine of service has been much the same with my Predecessor. I have preached twice each Sabbath besides thursday evenings in the African Church (Andrew Marshall's). The congregation has been large and attentive though I have not found any new case of conversion or awakening. I have visited the jail and hospital frequently & distributed tracts among the inmates of each & I have prayed with them & conversed with them individually, they have always appeared ready to converse. In the Hospital several seem to be sincerely inquiring "what they must do to be saved." I now besides conversing & praying with them assemble so many as are able to move in one ward of the & address them from a portion of Gods word. In this way they seem to be much benefited. Those who are too sick to attend themselves urge the others to go.

I have visited the Female Orphan Asylum once each week & held familiar conversations with the little girls. Most of them appear serious & desirous to receive instruction. The house is kept with great neatness & order.

I have repeatedly visited the ships in port and supplied them with tracts & have conversed with the seamen whenever a favourable opportunity offered though in most cases they seem willing to hear the truth yet I have met with very little of peculiar interest until recently. I have now found several English & Scotch sailors who seem devoted ~~seamen~~ Christians. It is indeed cheering to meet with any of this character among a class of men proverbially wicked.

I have preached 12 sermons & distributed 2500 tracts since I commenced my labors in this field.

You perceive that this brief report furnishes little more than a mere account of my routine of duties. Would that I had something more interesting to communicate. I beg an interest in your prayers that God would rain divine influences upon the field I now am permitted to cultivate.

With much respect
Your brother in
Christ
Sol. B. Halliday

Rev. Absalom Peters D.D.

~~Miss. Board Sec. S. M.~~

[Elders of Presbyterian Ch] {MONTGOMERY]

Cassville Cass County Ga Septr 4th 1835

Sec of A H Mis Society

Dear Sir we the Elders of the Presbyterian Church at Cassville; acting for & in behalf of the Church, have thought proper to apply to the Home Missionary Society for assistance in supporting our Minister

Our little Church was organized in octr 1833 by the Revd Mr Wilson of Hopewell Presbytery, with Eleven Members: we remained one year without the stated means of grace. Consequently we had but two additions to the Church during that time. And two that joined or removd leaving but eleven at the end of the first year. In October 1834 Mr Montgomery a Licentiate from Union Presbytery came to our help- He has laboured faithfully among us since that time and has been wonderfully blessed in his labours. thirty three persons have united themselves to our Church since he has been preaching for us, a great proportion of whom have been admitted on a profession of their faith in Christ.

Mr Montgomery is involved about $3.00- for his education, which is twice as much as we can raise upon subscription for his support- Besides he has a family to support. If therefore you can assist us as much as two Hundred dollars the first year, we will obligate our selves to support him the year after, and

Rev S. B. Halliday Savannah Ga
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Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Soc.
New York

Per Rev. Thad. Pomroy

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we will claim but one half of his time. The remaining half will be devoted as you direct. We would state in conclusion that Mr Montgomery is a very acceptable preacher and is calculated to exert a most powerful influence in this, the new section of Georgia. The whole community is anxious that he should remain but they here (that is the non professors) as in all new Countries believe that the Ministers ought to labor for nothing. This being our situation we do hope that you will afford us the aid we have requested

Very Respectfully

E. K. McLean } Elders
Robt Henderson } P. C. at Cassville

This day closes three months and one quarter of missionary services performed, by commission from the A.H.M.S. and under the directions and care of the F.M.S. of Savannah. My commission was for six months, but ill health prevents me from attempting any further service.

My field of labour and the labour itself has been marked out by the Soc. under whose immediate direction I am placed, and may afford an apology for the deficiency of my report when compared with the general instructions which I have from the A.H.M.S.

My field of labour has been this city and plantations adjacent [illegible] which I could gain access. Preaching, attending prayer meetings, visiting the shipping in the harbour, the jail, the Hospital - the House for poor widows and other poor, and distributing Bibles, Testaments and Tracts as I found need has been my employment.

I have preached in 1st African Church in this city on Sabbath afternoon and Thursday evening, and occasionally in each of the two other African Churches in this city and once in the African church at White Bluff. The meetings have been well attended and the instructions well received. Indeed I have never been happier than when preaching to these sons and daughters of Africa.

The 2nd and 3d African churches in this city are supplied by coloured preachers of good ~~[illegible]~~ Christian and ministerial character. They have a prayer meeting every night in the week when they cannot have preaching. I have formed an acquaintance with both their ministers and am happy to express the high opinion which I entertain of their piety and devotedness to their flocks. I have preach.d for them whenever I could possibly do it.

The 2nd African Church contains about 1200 members and the 3d which is in its infancy about 200

The 1st African Church is at present destitute of a regular pastor and involved in difficulties of long standing ~~and a very serious nature. Of these difficulties I need not disclose~~. I am told that there is now ~~[illegible]~~ a prospect that they will be

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ere long terminated. It was principally to supply this church that my services were engaged.

I am told that this Church has nearly 3000 members, but, in this, as in all the other African Churches, the members are gathered from the surrounding plantations. I have on the Sabbath not far from one thousand hearers, and on Thursday evening from 200 to 400. The sacred music* is as good as in any congregation in this city, and the people as attentive and orderly. Their apparent enjoyment of ~~in~~ publick worship I have never seen surpassed and rarely equalled, and for ought I can discover, they make as good improvement of a preached gospel as congregations of whites generally.

The Temperance Soc. connected with this congregation numbers about 700. I have addressed them on this subject at two of their meetings when I should judge 400 or 500 members were present and as many others who were not members. They appear more engaged in this good cause than any other society that I have attended in this city. There is a temperance society attached to each of the other African Churches in this city. The number of members I do not know. I have visited five plantations and am happy to say that the slaves are treated with humanity and kindness and are favoured more or less with religious instruction. I am happy also to say that I have witnessed no cruelty and have, in all my acquaintance with the slaves, heard them speak, with very few exceptions, in terms of high affection for their masters.

I have visited the most of the shipping in this river and conversed with not a few of the officers and hands and given Tracts on board freely. I have been well received and highly encouraged in this department of labour. I have found very few foreign ships destitute of intoxicating poisons and very few Americans which had any on board. I have uniformly attempted to dissuade captains and officers and crews from any use of this poison.

The gail here has generally 20, or 30 prisoners of all kinds in its inclosures. Rum is the reeling pilot which conducts the most of them here, but it never helps them out. I have visited this place often conversed with all the prisoners repeatedly and plainly and supplied them with Bibles Testaments and Tracts. Many a one has most solemnly promised that he would never more drink ardent spirits.

The Hospital has generally from 12 to 20 patients and as the keeper told me almost the whole of them are brought there either by rum directly or by that loathsome disease to which rum so often leads foolish and wicked men. This place too I have often visited and supplied with Tracts. The patients are generally about as heedless as the prisoners.

The poor of the city I have visited as I had time and opportunity

I have had two prayer meetings a week attended only by a few and yet they have been I hope useful. While in your employ I have preached 33 times attended 34 other religious meetings & Temperance meetings distributed 14.000 pages of tracts and given Bibles and Testaments as they were needed in my sphere of operations

I am happy to observe in this region an increasing attention to the religious instruction of the slaves and an increasing willingness to encourage and support missionaries among them. I think the time not far off when a devoted missionary will be wanted to every 5 plantations in this great southern region and I cannot but believe that planters who enter largely into this business will soon as cheerfully support a missionary on his own plantation as he now does an overseer.

The cause of temperance in this region need some powerful agent full of wisdom zeal and knowledge. Drunkenness salutes the eye at every corner of the streets of this highly favoured city. O how long will government license men to deal out by whole sail and retail death and damnation to surrounding inhabitants!

I am
sir
You[illegible]c — Thaddeus Bonney

Savannah Ga. Feb. 27th 1835

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Absalom Peters D.D.

Cor. Sec. A.H.M.S.

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Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy
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[Warnock, Rev. John]

Mc Donough Henry Cy

Georgia 8th May 1835.

Revd. and Dear Sir.

For several reasons only one of which I will here mention, I did not labour under the Commission which I received from the A. H. M. S. dated Octr. 27th ult. and mailed Decr. 3d. The churches were becoming so weak owing to Emigration that I did not see any Rational prospect of their being able during the current year to support the stated ministrations of the gospel, even with the aid asked and granted by your Society. In consequence of which I came to the conclusion to try a different field. In the bounds of this Presbytery there is a vast extent of Missionary ground; North and West of this there is the Cherokee Country, and also the Creek Nation which are filling up very fast, and where I see you have three Missionaries, two in the former and one in the latter. A newly organised Church at Covington, Newton County and the church called Philadelphia in this County are desirous that I should labour amongst them, which I have consented to do, provided aid can be had in my support

from your Society. Two hundred dollars per
Annum from your Society would enable those feebl
churches to sustain the stated ministrations of the
Gospel amongst them. We have therefore conclu-
ded to ask the above amount of aid from your
Society, if granted have the goodness to forward
a Commission for me directed to this place.
Although I feel willing to labour in the
above mentioned Churches, yet if your Committe
would prefer it, I have no objection to take a
Commission with Missionary wages for the
purpose of labouring in the Creek Nation
Alabama. Several families of my former Pas-
toral charge are in that region, and very desi-
rous that I should go and labour amongst them
I am Dear Brother,

Your's in the Best Bonds.

John Warnock.

Brother Warnock who has made the aforesaid application, is in good standing in the Presbyterian Church and his ministrations much needed in the Churches which he proposes to supply and to which he has already been preaching with acceptance.

The Flint River Presbytery has many vacancies where Brother W... can be useful.

James Gamble. - member
of Flint River
Presbytery

P.S. The above is from the nearest Ministerial Brother that I have, and I believe the oldest Member of this New Presbytery. It may perhaps be proper to state that this application is made at the earnest solicitation of the Elders of said Churches.

J.W.

Solely constituted

Rev. ~~James~~ John Warnock. McDonough Ga. May 8. 1835
Has not labored under his commission. Applies for another commission to labor at Covington McDonough & Philadelphia Henry Co Ga
Recd by Rev. James Gamble

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Revd. Absalom Peters.
Corresponding Secretary.
of the A. H. M. S.
No. 150. Nassau Street.
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Ans.d June 11.

[Warnock, Rev. John]

McDonough Henry County
Georgia 24th August 1835.

Dear Brother.

During the last three months I have laboured in the churches specified in my commission, in the Covington and Philadelphia churches I have organized Sabbath Schools, during the last quarter I have preached 30 Sermons,_ besides weekly addresses to little groups assembled for social worship, I have also delivered 4 Temperance addresses, and established one Temperance Society in the bounds of the Covington church; I have visited the several families in the bounds of my field of labour who are not under the pastoral care of others; and here permit me to remark, that, my field of labour is not so promising as I would desire, the ground is too much occupied by other denominations; the prospect of building up Presbyterian churches is not very flattering; if in my next report I have nothing more encouraging, it would perhaps be better for me to labour elsewhere; the probability is that I will receive an invitation to labour in another field, have the goodness to inform me, if I may accept of such an invitation should it be given; there are some other places where I think churches would be built up more speedily, and when they would sooner do without aid from your Board. The fact is there are only three or four churches in the bounds of this Presbytery which at present do support their Ministers, some of the Brethren are in Schools, and others are Farmers, whilst 3 or 4 derive part of their support from a Missionary Board auxiliary to the Assembly's Board. In the course of the fall I hope to be able to get something for your Board but it will be better, to hear from you without delay, whether I may feel at liberty to change my field of labour, should God in his Providence point one, which may be more encouraging and inviting, and where I may think the prospect of doing without foreign aid sooner, will be better; I am Dear Brother

Yours in the Bonds of the Gospel.

John Warnock

P. S. There is a Merchant from this place at present in N. York, through whom I expect in a few days to draw upon you for the sum due for the last three months.

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Rev. John Warnock
McDonough Henry Co. Ga. -
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Revd. Absalom Peters

Corresponding Secretary.
A. H. M. S.
No. 150 Nassau Street.
New-York.

Sept 4. 1835

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[Montgomery, Rhadamanthus]

To the Secretary of the A. H. M. S.

Dear Sir: I received the commiſsion from the A. H. M. Society, last evening. I trust I felt grateful to God, for the interest manifested abroad, in the prosperity of this portion of our beloved Zion. I am thankful to the Committee, also, for their proffered aſsistance, towards my temporal support. But I am happy to inform you, that I will, not be under the neceſsity of drawing on your benevolence, at the present. Two months previously to the reception of my commiſsion, I had made arrangements for my temporal support, until spring. If after that, I be not able to supply the wants of my little family, with the small pecuniary pittance, procured at home, I will then avail myself of my commiſsion.

Some, five or six, weeks since, one of my elders, Dr. E. R. McLean showed me a letter, he had received from Mr. Chas. Hall, aſsistant Secy. A. H. M. S. The letter required him & brother Henderson to get some, two or three ministers to certify to the Com. A. H. M. S. with regard to my prospect for usefulneſs &c. &c. Although I presumed there would be no greatdeal of difficulty, in complying with the requisition; yet as there was no neceſsity at the present, I recommended him to lay the letter aside, until circumstances should call for action, on the subject.

I have now finished writing to you, officially. But: It may not be ~~not~~ ~~be~~ entirely uninteresting to write you, as a private correspondent, with respect to this Teritory, its destitution &c.— This teritory— formerly designated by the term "Cherokee Country," but now beginning to be called "North Western" Georgia" — is divided into 11 counties, consisting of, perhaps, one sixth of the whole State. The Georgians commenced settling among the Cherokees about three years since — protected by wicked enactments of the State Legislature.

Notwithstanding Ga is the home of my fathers, and the land of my birth & nativity, I must acknowledge, the poor, degraded Cherokees have been treated with mercileſs cruelty. And I should long since have washed my hands of this enormous wickedness ~~guilt~~ & of the blood of the oppreſsed, by leaving the country, had I not felt myself loudly called-upon, by the providence of God, to remain here, that I may be the means of saving some of those cruel oppreſsors, from the jaws of death.

When I came to this Territory, last Sep. a year since, there was no presbyterian minister, in all the country. There is one other, Rev. Mr. Warnick, at present, settled, twenty miles west of Caſsville; and one or two others, as I understand, expect to come, in the Spring. The country is now settling fast, in anticipation of a treaty; according to which the indians, about 10.000 of whom are in the Georgia side of the Nation, are expected to remove next fall, at furthest.

The Country contains a population of, I would gueſs, (as the yankees say) 10.000 whites. Nine tenths of these are entirely destitute of presbyterian preaching. — The Baptists & methodists — particularly the former — are increasing rapidly, from the fact, they have somany ministers on the ground. I pray them Gods speed. But still I would prefer presbyterianism; because I believe the doctrines of the P. Church are, at least, as near the standard, or in other words, the Bible, as any other.

So far I have been blessed of Heaven, in my feeble efforts, to raise the standard of the cross. And if God, by his Grace, will ~~keep~~ ~~my~~ humble my proud heart and excite in me a spirit of deeper piety, and grant us the influences of his Spirit, I trust, I may soon be enabled to build up, instrumentally, a church, or churches, that can support me. So that after a year or two, I will not be compelled to call on the benevolent of other sections to furnish me a temporal support.

Will you, my dear brother, pray for me. I have many reasons to fear, I shall never be as useful as I ought,—one in particular. It is this: When God blesses my poor efforts, I fear, instead of becoming more humble, & giving all the glory to God, I get proud & vain.—I have had to struggle more against this wicked passion of my nature than any other. The devil used to tell me: "you can be a great man". While at the Theol. Sem. some of the students also flattered me. And as I had never tryed to preach, I was stupid enough to think, probably I may be an eloquent man. But after a tryal of some months, I was convinced, I never could become great. I therefore prayed to the Lord to deliver me from this temptation. And I trust he has. At any rate the devil has not lately attacked me on that point. When I reflect on the many evil properties of my nature, which tend to counteract the little good, I might, otherwise, be the ~~m~~ means of accomplishing, I am constrained to exclaim with the Apostle: "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this ** Sin & death"?

In the best bonds of Christian affection, Yours, in the Gospel,

Rhadamanthus J. Montgomery

Cassville Cass Co. Georgia
Jan 9th 1835.

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[Montgomery, Rhadamanthus]

Vans Valley near Rome, Floyd County
Georgia May 7th 1836

We, the Elders of Livingston Church & a newly organized Church, in this county, not yett named, do hereby request the Ex. Com. A. H. M. S. to aid us in the support of our minister, the Revd John Warnock.

The number of Communicants in Livingston is twelve; in the newly organized Church fourteen. The prospect of building up these two churches is, upon the whole, favorable.

We are able to give but $150.00 from both Churches the present year, for the ministerial services of Revd Mr Warnock. We would therefore solicit the Society for $200.00; as that, together with the $150 we can give would be the least possible amount, upon which our minister could support his family, with any degree of comfort.

The Committe being already acquainted with the Revd Mr Warnock, we consider it unnecessary to be more particular in our statements.

We would barely remark, our Churches are under the care of Hopewell Presbytery.

It will be needless to be urgent in our solitations; As the Committee are apprized of the destitution of the Cherokee County, and the great need of Orthodox ministers.

Will the A. H. M. Society come to our aid. Our minister is very acceptable & bids fair to be useful to us in building up our Churches. But we are unable, at present, support him.

Elders.
Madison Montgomery
Jno. Harts
John L. Walker.

I believed the facts, stated in the above application, are substantially correct. As to Talents & literature brother Warnock stands among our first ministers. I think his standard of piety is high; his zeal, in the cause of his redeemer, is according to knowledge; and that he is very acceptable as a minister of the Gospel.

The churches, that have requested his ministerial labors, are feeble — not able to render him that support which his situation requires. I feel no reluctance, therefore, in recommending him, to the Society as worthy of their confidence & deserving their patronage.

With high regard Yours &c

R. J. Montgomery

PS I wrote the Secretary of the Committee, soon after I received my Commission, declining to accept ~~of~~ their appointment at that time; stating, that I had made arrangements until the first of April (now past); after which I would act under my Commission, if necessary. I did not state to the Sec.y the arrangements I had made. Perhaps I should have done so. My reasons for declining to act under y appointment are these. — After my Churc Cassville, had made application to your society, I waited perhaps 3 monts, expecting with intens interest an appointment. None came. About the 1st of Decr. the executive committee of Hopewell Presbytery, perceiving I had no prospect of a support, unsolicited, offered me an appointment from their Society. Not expecting any Communication from your Society, I received the appointment offered me by the Ex. Com. H.P.

The 1st of Apl. I made out my report to that Com. in writing. They continued my appointment 12 months longer. Thus you may see, that I am not actuated by any ~~any~~ feeling unfriendly to your Society. I pray you God-speed. I trust you are truly catholick in spirit. May the Lord bless & prosper your society & make you instrumental in building up the Redeemers Kingdom.

I received a communication from the secretary of an auxiliary society — Viz Mr. Milican I think — requesting me to make out my report &c & send it on by the last of Apl. to their Anniversary. Altho' Brother Milican was mistaken, I would have laid befor

him the facts required; but I did not receive his communication until the 18th of Apl too late to answer his letter before their Anniv.y The Sec.y A. H. M. Society will be so good as to offer my apology to Mr. Milican. In haste — With sentiments of true regard,
Yours R. J. Montgomery (of Cassville Ga

Livingston Ch. Ga
May 7. 1836.
Application for $200
aid in support of Rev
John Warnock
Rec. by Rev. R. J.
Montgomery
Also. Rev. R. J. M. — Concerning
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Corresponding Sec.
of the A. H. M. S.
150 Nassau Street
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[Warnock, John]

McDonough 11th Feby 1835.

Dear Brother.

During the last three months I have been trying with some degree I hope of fidelity, to preach Christ and him crucified, part of the time at Covington and Philadelphia, and part in Floyd County, where I design for the future to labour entirely. The country is new, and the ministrations of the Gospel are greatly needed, but perhaps not in all cases much wanted, altho I think in some instances this is the case. The difficulties in my present field of labour are many, but probably not greater than other Brethren experience. Profanations of the Sabbath and Intemperance are awfully prevalent; even during the time of preaching on the Sabbath it is not uncommon to hear the report of guns at no great distance. I expect ere long to make some efforts in the Temperance cause, which it is hoped will not be in vain.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather our meetings have not been so frequent nor so well attended as they will be for the future. During the last quarter I have preached twenty Sermons, and visited considerably, and travelled about 400 miles, the County of Floyd is not less than 45 by 30 miles, and Presbyterian families are scattered here and there. A church is organised near the C.H. which consists of 12 members, and I hope in the Spring to organise another about 12 miles from the Court House.

the people express, I mean those who are members of the Presbyterian church, a strong desire to have preaching and the ministrations of the Gospel, but are unable to do much for my support this year. I hope however to be able to get along with the aid received from your Society at present, but will have to ask for a renewal of my commission at the expiration of the next quarter; upon the whole my present field of labour will I think be interesting and important, and by the blessing of God it is hoped great good will be effected. I am Dear Brother

Yours in the Bonds of
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John Warmoth

Rev. John Warnock
McDonough Ga Feb 11. 1834
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[Warnock, John]

{Vann's Valley near Rome, Floyd
{County Georgia 14th May 1835.

Dear Brother.

During the last three months my labours have been more arduous, though in one sense not more extensive than formerly; i.e. the number of discourses and addresses delivered have not been more numerous, but owing to the extent of territory which I have to travel over, they have been more difficult.

In the course of the quarter I have delivered thirty five discourses, and addressed little groupes 3 times upon the subject of Temperance. On the 23rd ult. I organized a new church in this County consisting of 14 Members, which has not yet been named, the prospect of building up a church in that vicinity is favourable and encouraging; but the members having lately settled in the woods and having their land to clear and houses to erect for themselves, are disposed to say, and perhaps with more propriety than the Jews of old did, "the time to build the Lords house has not yet come." It is hoped in the course of this Summer that a house of worship will be erected in this vicinity, and in consequence of the effort which is making to accomplish this, but little will be done for my temporal support. The difficulties with which I have to contend in this new Country are numerous, profanation of the Sabbath and Intemperance are awfully prevalent, some professed Ministers of the Gospel, viz. Baptists, will sometimes spend the day in examining lots of land, or inviting hands to roll logs in the course of the week. In reviewing the labours of the past year I have to acknowledge my unfaithfulness and want of zeal in the cause of the Dear Redeemer; but by the Grace of God I hope to be more faithful for the future. The Infant churches have concluded to apply to you for a renewal of my Commission; which I have no doubt will be readily done. If I can be supported, I have no disposition to leave my present field of labour, I hope the Lord has some work for me to do here. On last Sabbath the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered here, and though the weather was wet and few present, my heart was encouraged on finding that, three came forward expressing and apparently feeling deep concern about their Souls Salvation. There are some indications that the Spirit of God has not entirely forsaken us. Missionaries are greatly needed in this region, here there are 16 large Counties with

only three Presbyterian Ministers, a country which so soon as the Indians emigrate will be densely settled, and now is the time to possess the land, to raise the standard of the Cross, and rear up temples for the living God. Being desirous of giving myself wholly to the work the hope is entertained that through the aid of your Society I shall be enabled to do so. I cannot think of leaving these infant churches in the Wilderness to wither and die. The Lord hasten the time when the Wilderness here shall become glad and the desert rejoice, when these hills and vales shall become vocal with the praises of God. I am
Dear Brother.

yours in the Bonds of Christ.

John Warnock.

Rev. John Warnock Vann's
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Revd Absalom Peters.

Corresponding Sec.
of the A. H. M. S.
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[Warnock, Rev. John]

Rome 15th August
1836.

Dear Brother

In the good providence of God I am again permitted to address you, but, alas. I have nothing cheering to communicate respecting our beloved Zion in this region. It does sometimes appear to me that my trials and difficulties are greater than those of any other, but I hope that I am able from sweet experience to say that the dear Redeemer has not sent me a warfare on my own charges. The promise of God, "lo, I am with you alway," often dispells my doubts, elevates my hopes, and enlivens my expectations. Inspecting the toils to be endured, and the difficulties which must be encountered in this region, I am sometimes ready to shrink from the task assigned me by the good Shepherd of Israel. Clouds bedim my prospect and agony for a moment sometimes fills my breast. Remembering the wormwood and gall of an unregenerate state, and thus having an experimental acquaintance with the opposition of the human heart to the glad tidings of Salvation; I am urged to address my Maker in the words of Moses, when called to conduct the descendants of Abraham from the land of Egypt and house of bondage; "Lord they will not believe me nor hearken to my voice."

But why should discouraging thoughts lodge in the breast of any? He who holds the seven stars in his right hand will always have some to perform his pleasure, and communicate light and heat to the respective spheres in which they move. The Watchmen placed on Jerusalem's walls shall never give him rest until he make it a praise in the earth.

The last three Months have been peculiarly unfavourable to the success of the Gospel in this region. There has been a constant state of excitement amongst the people owing to apprehended danger from the Cherokees among whom we are. A Battalion is now stationed in this County, but my own opinion is that there is no need for it. The excitement has in a great degree subsided and affairs again begin to wear a more favourable aspect. In consequence of the absence of the male part of many families from home, our Congregations have been smaller than usual, but the men are returning home and our meetings will for the future be better attended. During the last three months I have preached 25 Sermons, and travelled about 400 miles. More has been done than formerly, during the last quarter as to family Visitation, the fact is more good can be effected this way than in any other and in order for the future to be able to do more good in this way, I expect soon to receive a large supply of Tracts and the Society's bound Volumes which under the blessing of God I have no doubt will be the means of great good in this new Country. The destitution of religious information is truly great; whilst intemperance is slaying its 1000ds. Every store at the Court House sells the poison, and in every form, viz. under the false name of Cordials down to the worst and most disgusting quality of Whiskey. There is only one store in the County where the soul destroying draught is not sold; thus far I have not been able to form a Temperance Society in the County, an effort however has not been made to organize a Society at this. I have delivered Several addresses upon the subject, preparing the way for a regular organization. I am Dear Brother,

yours in the Bonds of the Gospel.

John Warnock.

P.S. Many of the Cherokees are preparing to emigrate this fall, their situation is in many respects deplorable, they have been treated, were I on the other side of the Potomac I would say, —— but under existing circumstances, the sooner they emigrate the better will it be for themselves and also the White Settlers here.

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[Warnock, Rev. John]

Rome 31st Decr. 1835.

Revd. and Dear Brother.

In reading the Decr. No. of the home Missionary my feelings strongly urged me to say that I should go and labour in the destitute regions of Illinois; not for want of work enough to do here; but the sad exception to which reference is had in answering the question at the beginning of the No. causes my heart to sicken and earnestly desire to see the day when I shall not be in the midst of it. But such is the inflammable and excitable state of the public mind upon the subject in this State, that it would neither be prudent nor safe for me to say a word upon the subject. If I had the means of defraying my expenses to Illinois I should immediately emigrate, but having a Wife and 5 children all of whom are small; at present I know of no way whereby I could get there, as it requires every cent of my annual income to support my family. My object in the present communication is to ascertain if your Executive Committee would feel at liberty to aid me in Emigrating, if not I will of course feel resigned and willing to continue in my present field till God in his Providence shall open the way for me to leave this place. The following thought has occupied my mind; if I had an opportunity of visiting the state and spending a few weeks in it, the Lord might put it into the hearts of some of his scattered sheep there, to assist me in emigrating. Should the situation of my family be such as to justify my absence from home a few months the ensuing Summer; would you not give me a commission as Agent for your Society wherever it might be prudent to present its claims, I mean wherever the ground is not occupied by the Assembly's Board? By this means I might perhaps be enabled to visit Illinois, and the way might be opened for my removal. My desire however is to follow the leadings of Providence; if the Lord has work for me to do here, then am I resigned and willing to stay; but I sometimes think that some of us have done as much good as we ever shall do in this Southern Country. I am Dear Brother,

Yours in the Best Bonds.

John Warnock.

P. S. I hope you will not give any hint in the H. M. or any other periodical of my feelings upon the subject alluded to above, a word to the wise is sufficient.

J W.

Rev. John Warnock
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Revd. Absalom Peters D.D. Cor. Sec.
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Rev. S. W. Magill Bryan Co. Ga.
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Rev. A. Peters,
Cor.g Secretary of the A. H. M. S.
Nassau St.
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[Magill, Rev. S.W.] [BRYAN CO.]

Bryan Co. Geo. Sept 21st 1837

Rev. Absalom Peters

Dear Sir

A few weeks since, I read to my people, an account of the embarrassments, which have existed of late, in the pecuniary concerns of the Home Missionary Society, which had the effect to awaken their interest considerably & to draw from them a contribution to the funds of your Society, which, tho', small in amount, was I trust, acceptable to the Society & to the God of Missions, as an indication of our interest in t. work of the Lord.

Since then, an old gentleman in my congregation, a superannuated Presbyterian Minister, has imbibed a prejudice to the Society & to yourself on the ground, that you are an Abolitionist. The idea, he has taken from some one of the religious papers, tho' I can not say, which, as I have seen no indication of the kind, in any paper, which has come ~~into~~ under my eye — It exists however, with the strength of a prejudice, in his mind, & he has infused the same, into the minds of other individuals in the community. And the report may spread, until many persons here at the South, have imbibed the same prejudice.

You are aware, that no charge against your Society, could act more prejudicially, among the people of the South than this, of being Abolitionists.

I regret exceedingly, the effort, which some in the Presbyterian church are making for the breaking down of voluntary societies, especially ~~of~~ the H. M. S., at least, of him
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the action of these Societies, within the bounds of the Presbn. church. Such an effort, should it be successful, must have the effect to increase sectarianism & bigotry among Christians. An evil earnestly to be deprecated which has always, very much paralised the energies of the church.

It really seems, like an attempt to bring back the by-gone days of Christian indifference & inactivity. when any thing is done to retard the efforts or at all, impair the influence of ~~the~~ such societies as the A.B.C.F.M. the A.H.M.S. the Education Society &c.

I am anxious to have it, in my power to correct any detrimental impressions, which may exist, in the mind of any individual or be floating about in the community. I have ventured, therefore, in this letter, to ask, not your views on the great subject of slavery, but simply, whether you allow the charge of your being an Abolitionist & whether there is any thing in the principles of the A.H.M.S. or of its leading men, calculated to excite uneasiness in the minds of Southern Christians & to make them fear the action of your Society, South of the Potomac.

If your answer to my inquiry is such as is calculated to allay any suspicion & prejudice which may exist at the South, in reference to the A.H.M.S., it would, undoubtedly, help the cause of Missions & of Southern activity, to have your statement published in some Southern religious paper, say the Charleston Observer. Let me know in your answer, if you authorise me to do so.

You will excuse the liberty I take

& believe me Yours with highest esteem
in the fellowship of the Gospel
S. W. Magill

P.S. Please direct to me
care of R. Habersham Esq
Savannah

[Smith, Rev. Preserved]

Beech Island March 13 1837

Rev and Dear Sir,

Being Pastor of one of the churches aided by the Mass. Missionary So. Aux. to the A. H. M. Society, it becomes my duty, about this season, to make to you a statement of its condition since my connexion with it.

Having labored in Carlisle but a few weeks previous to my visit to the South where I am spending the Winter for my health; and my people having been destitute most of the time for some months before my Installation, I shall not be able to give you so full and interesting a Report as might be expected under different circumstances.

Having received an unanimous call to become their Pastor I was settled over that people on the 31st of Aug. last.

The salary which they voted to my support was 400. dollars annually, allowing me the privilege of laboring elsewhere as many Sabbaths as they might, through inability, fail to make up this amount. The $1.00 which I receive from the Mass. Mis. So. is included in the sum stated.

The origin and many trials of this little church have doubtless been described to you by Br. Patten my Predecessor who labored some years in Carlisle; it is unnecessary therefore to recapitulate.

The church now consists of about 40 members; ten males and between 20 and 30 females. No additions have been made since my settlement; but the people give good attention to the Word and seem much rejoiced to have the Gospel once more established among them; and "to their power, yea, and beyond their power they are willing" to contribute to its support. My health, though feeble, has been such as, by the blessing of God, to enable me to attend to the regular and ordinary duties of a ministerial charge.

With regard to the various Benevolent Enterprizes of the day, the church, being destitute of a Leader the year past, ~~and poor and~~ and being feeble, has accomplished but little or nothing. We hope to be able, in future, to do more for these interesting objects; but the friends of Evangelical piety are so few and generally so ~~indigent~~ poor and they are obliged to make such great sacrifices to support the Gospel at home, that you must not expect from us great things. I trust however, ~~we~~ if we have "not silver and gold to give," we shall have a willing mind and that Society to whom we are so much indebted, shall be the first in our affections.

I have now stated all that, I think, would be interesting to you to know respecting my people; and will conclude by asking your prayers for our prosperity

Affectionately yours &c

Preserved Smith

[Warnock, Rev. John]

Georgia

From Rev John Warnock, Rome, Floyd Co. ~~County Georgia~~ Ga.

~~1st July 1837~~

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Dear Brother.

The last quarter has been devoted to ministerial duties as faithfully as circumstances would admit, but owing to the inclemency of the weather and the want of suitable places in which to assemble for public worship, our congregations have generally been small. Twenty five discourses have been delivered and pastoral visitations attended to, but I regret to state that there is nothing specially interesting to report, in reference to my field, although when I compare my own field of labour with other portions of the Cherokee country, the prospect is as bright and cheering as any that presents itself. Sardis church have nearly completed a house of worship, which is the only house of worship erected in a county nearly 30 miles square. The claims of the A. H. M. S. have been presented to Livingston church and urged as strongly as possible; ten dollars have been paid me for the Society by Livingston church which you will please acknowledge in the H. M. Reporter. $10 Sardis church will do a little for the Society but in consequence of their effort to build a

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Beech Island Ga March
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at Carlisle Georgia

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Cor. Sec. of A. H. M. Society
New-York

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~~church, they will not do much.~~ During the last quarter I have put in circulation about ~~six~~ one hundred volumes of the Tract Society's Standard volumes, and ~~distri~~ distributed gratuitously about ~~four~~ five thousand pages of tracts, granted me by the Society. It is hoped that this labour may not be in vain; although my dear Brother I am ready to say, Lord who hath believed our report, and altho' I should mostly prefer, were it the will of my Master, to be in a different field, I must ~~and my that I am heartily say, not my will, but thine~~ O Lord. My desire is to follow the leadings of Providence. I have been expecting to hear from you in reply to my last. I am Dear Brother,

Yours in the Best Bonds

John Warmoth

P. S. I shall send a draft to the Tract Society for $40, which with the above two dollars now received will be in full for the last quarter.

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[Warnock Rev. John]

Vann's Valley near Rome.
Floyd County Georgia 25th
March 1837.

Dear Brother.

In compliance with the request of the Executive Com. the following list of particulars is furnished

1. Churches supplied, Livingston, and Sardis Floyd County Georgia: Address as above.
2. Conversions 4.
3. Added to the church by profession 3.
4. ——————— By letter —— 4.
5. one Sabbath School, 30 Scholars. no Library.
6. One Bible Class, 14 Pupils.
7. Two Temperance Societies: 30 Members
8. One church organized.
9. Monthly concert attended to in one place
10. Contributed to Domestic Missions ten dollars. and to the Bible Cause ten dollars.

On looking over the above particulars it appears that in this region of country is a day of small things. often do I feel very much discouraged and disturbed and almost ready to conclude that I shall

Rev. John Warnock,
Rome, Ga. Feb. 18/37 - Report.
Ch. nearly built - Raised $10
for Attms in Livingston Ch.

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abandon the field and give it up to the Enemy
of Souls; on other occasions I think it is my
duty to remain at my post, and carry on war
both offensive and defensive. The Presbyterian
churches tho small exert in the County a
more salutary influence than the Baptist
or Methodist churches; when I compare
my own churches with others, the prospect
is not so gloomy, but when I compare
them with the models in the word of
God, there is evidently a departure from first
love, a sinful yielding to the prevailing
customs and manners, and a great lack of
vital godliness. But the Gospel has always
had to contend with opposition, and if
Ministers will abandon such places they
must become Sodoms. My desire is to fol-
:low the leadings of Providence; at present the
way does not appear to be clear for me to go
West; I have therefore concluded to request a
renewal of my commission for the ensuing
year in my present field and in the course
of the year will correspond with some of
the Brethren in Illinois and Indiana;
presuming that it will not be necessary to
go into the same particulars for a re-ap-
-pointment, as when I first received a Com-
mission; I would merely state the fact

that the churches desire me to continue with
them, and that I have consented to do so, provided
your Committee, re-appoint me to the same
field: I am Dear Brother

yours in the Bonds of the
Gospel of Christ.

John Warnock.

P. S. Please forward me a copy of — "Plea for
Voluntary Associations".

[Warnock, Rev. John]

Irvine 29th April 1837.

Dear Brother:

During the last quarter I have preached 33 times besides delivering 4 or 5 occasional addresses at Social meetings, altho' I cannot report any special indications of the outpouring of the Spirit. I am happy to be able to state that Brotherly love prevails amongst the members of my little churches, and that the attendance upon the preaching of the Gospel is good, and that the churches upon the whole are growing in Grace. The Members of Livingston church expect to make an effort to build a house of worship during the Summer, and altho for the year that now begins, they will not be able, or rather, they think they are not able to do any thing more for my support than they did last year, they say that so soon as they get a house of worship erected they will do more, which will I have no doubt be the fact. Two or three additional labourers are needed in this region, and were it not for one thing, I would urge strongly the claims of this region upon the patronage of your Society. So far as I can ascertain a majority of the Members of Hopewell Presbytery, prefer an Ecclesiastical to a voluntary Association for Missionary purposes, altho' the A. H. M. S. has

Rev. John Warnock ; Rome Ga
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Requests renewal of his commission.

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"Plea" Sent

some warm friends; yet under existing circum:
:stances and the present agitated state of the Pres:
:byterian church, I feel no disposition to have
open hostilities in this region respecting the
Assembly's Board, and the A. B. C. F. M. I am Dear
Brother

yours in the Bonds of the Gospel.

John Warmouth

P. S. Please acknowledge in the Home Missionary
the receipt of $5, from Sardis church Floyd
county; at present then I give order for $45
the balance due for the last quarter.

J. W.

[Warnock, Rev, John]

Rome Floyd County Georgia
17th April 1837.

Dear Brother.

Believing that it will be my duty to continue in my present field of labour at least another year, I must again request you to give me a re-appointment with the same aid that I have had during the year which now terminates, My last Commission is dated 1st. May 1836, I hope then that you will forward by mail as early as practicable a new Commission, this request is made at present that I may not be in suspense and doubt; should your Committee think that I ought not to continue longer in my present field please advise me of the fact. When I look at the desolations around me my heart sickens, my people are urgent in their requests that I should remain with them, Brother Montgomery has left Cassville, application has been made to me to go that place which is in the adjoining County, but at present I do not think it is my duty to give up my present charge; were to take charge of a School I could support my family, but a sense of duty forbids the idea of entering a School: I have been ordained not to teach School, but to preach the Gospel: and wo unto me if I

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preach not the Gospel. Wickedness abounds to such an awful and alarming extent, that I sometimes think, [illegible] awful judgments of Almighty God will be inflicted on this region; if all ministers of the gospel should leave this region it must become a Sodom. I am Dear Brother,

yours in the Bonds of the
Gospel of Christ.

John Wamoth

[Warnock, Rev. John]

Rome Floyd Cy 8th August
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Dear Brother.

The last quarter has been one of more than usual bodily labour and fatigue, and also of deep mental anxiety and distress in view of the proceedings of the late Assembly. During the quarter I rode upwards of 500 miles, preached 35 sermons, and administered the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at three different places. The prospects of Sardis church are encouraging, the members, tho poor in this Worlds goods, are I trust rich in Faith. After much reflection and serious deliberation, I have concluded for the present to cease my connection with your Society, and have consequently, from necessity, agreed to enter a School for a time. This step I have been induced to take, not owing to the embarrassed state of your Society, for I have faith to believe that Christians will sustain you; but nor owing to any change in my own views and feelings; but for the following reason. By continuing at present under your care, it is probable that my usefulness would be entirely destroyed in this field, and I am not quite certain but Flint River Presbytery might consider it satisfactory evidence of heresy, and proceed in a Summary manner to suspension or deposition. That I have some grounds for such fears will appear evident from the following

Rev. John Warnock; Rome, Ga.
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extract from the minutes of Presbytery at an
adjourned meeting held last of July.

"Application having been made by the Revd
John Warnock, for a dismiſsion with a view to
unite with Hopewell Presbytery; on motion
it was resolved, that whereas, the late Genl
Aſsembly has recommended that the A. H.
M. S. cease its operations within its bounds,
and whereas it has been suggested that Mr
Warnock has been appointed a Miſsionary by
the Board of said society, therefore, resolved that his
dismiſsion be for the present withheld and that the
stated clerk correspond with him and ascertain
whether he is or is not at this time a Miſsionary
of the A. H. M. S."

The stated clerk has accordingly written me upon the subject, but I have not yet answered his letter, and in order to avoid the difficulties which would ensue, were I to inform him that I am a Miſsionary of the A. H. M. S. I have concluded to engage in teaching for a season, and continue to supply my present charge as much as I can till God in his Providence shall direct otherwise, and shall write him accordingly.

At present I will not formally draw upon you for the amount due for last quarter not knowing the state of your Treasury; but such is the low condition of my resources, that as soon as practicable I should like to draw. The condition of your Society was laid before my my feeble churches, but owing to an effort which they are making to procure S. School libraries, could not do any thing.

Please take no notice of the resolution of Flint river Pres. in the Reporter or of my reasons for ceasing to act as your Missionary in this region, as it might have a tendency to increase the suspicions of some of my good Brethren against me. I am Dear Brother

Yours in the Bonds of the Gospel

John Warnock.

P. S. Should you know of any situation that would suit me in Illinois, advise me of the fact. As I am owing some money to the Tract Society, I expect soon to give the Treasurer a draft upon you, with a request to wait with you till ready to pay.

John Warnock

Rev. John Wa[illegible] Rome Ga
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[Taylor, A. G.]

Walker Co. Ga Dogwood P. O.
Feb. the 9th 1839.

Dear Brethren in Christ

Erly in November last I received my commission, from the Executive Committee of the American Home Missionary Society, to preach the Gospel in the Cherokee country Georgia: in which I find it to be my duty to report to the Society quarterly. consequently I send this report.

I have laboured as directed ~~as~~ nearly as circumstances would permit. I have preached every sabath, when the wether would permit, & occasionally on week days. It is hard to collect the people in such houses, as we have here, at this season. Often after rideing 10, 15, or 20 milse to preach I have not one hearer to each mile I have rode; but there must be some allowances made. This country is new & but few have good houses to live in, much less, good school houses, & Churches. In several neighbourhoods there is a good prospect for churches being built. & chuches being organised where there is none as yet.

There is neither Sabath schools, Temperance Societies here yet. but the prospect for Schools is tolerable good. I contemplate organiseing two, or three [illegible] the openin of the Sping. I have visited some families, & believe that my visits have in some instaces been attended with good. I went to see one old Gentleman who had been shot in the thigh in last August, that had not recovered. he had been very wicked, during his whole life. While conversing with him about death & Judgement he shewed simptoms, at least, of convictions. I afterwards preached to him on the duty & results of prayer, & then left him praying with all his might.

The moral state of Society is, on the whole, very bad. I often hear the hunters rifle fire, on the sabath. All manor of sabath brakeing, except constant hard labour, is very common. Gambling, & drinking prevails to an alarming extent, with allmos every species of vice. There is a great work to be done here, before this people is thorougly evangelised. The field is large, & scacely ready for the plow, much less the sickle. O Brethren, pray the Lord to send more labourers here, for they are greatly needed.

Yours affectionately in christ.

A. G. Taylor

To Rev. M. Badger sec. of the A. H. M. S.

P. S. I would like to know whither I mus draw an order on the Secretaries of the A. H. M. S. or receive one drawen from the Soc. to be fill up by me. I am not able to tell who will purchase the order. I would lik to get the money due me for the las quarte as son as possible.

The merchants in my neighbourhood trade to the South & consequently dont wish to get orders of that kind, but will try in the nighbouring vilages & see what can be done.

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Milton Badger, Sec. A.H.M.S.
New York. No 150 Nassau street

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[Taylor, Rev. A. G.]

Georgia Walker Co. Apr. the 30th 1839

To the A. H. M. Soc.

Christian friends & Brethren In compliance with your order I send you a report of my labours, as a Missionary under your charge for the quarter ending with this month

I have been able to labor during this quarter nearer agreeable to your order in some respects than in the last but there is yet many difficulties to contend with, such as ignorence, prejudice, and a reclessness to Religeon & Religeous institutions, which exhibit themselves often & would cause us to shrink from our duties, but for the rememberance of Chris example in his withstanding his most formidable enemies, ~~and~~ his most cheering promises. 'Lo I am with you, &c. &c.' or what need we fear with such an associate as the Lord Jesus Christ? Earth & Hell may be allied against us. & cannot do more than kill the body. but thanks to God that in this nation christian martyrdom has not stained its character.

Nothing has occured dureing this quarter that is very interesting, neither encourageing nor discourageing. The attention of the people to the preaching of God's word is rather increasing than decreasing. I feared the latter would be witnessed when the novelty would be a little worn off, & have consequently tried to keep up the attention

In one neighborhood, where Sabath-braking was common there is a manifest reformation going on, for my eyes & ears are not so often met with violence to the Lors day

In this month I have succeded in organising two sabath schools. In each schol $5.00 dollars have been collected, to send for libraries which we expect to forward in a few days to the depository at Maryville Ten.

As soon as a suffieten number of coppies of the first volumn of the Union question can be obtaind, I will organise two Bible Classes. The prospect of usefulness in thes schools & Bible classes is flattering & I hope much good will be done—

I would have sent you a report for the use of the Ex-Committee, but it would have been an entire blank, for there is ~~neither~~ no organised Church, no hopeful conversions, that we know of, & of course no additions, no Sabath schools, or bible classes then organised, no Temperance Societies, nor contributions to any of the Societies. This is a sad state of things: but it is true to the full ent. You must see, from this picture that there is much to be done here yet; in truth the work is scarecely begun. —— Pray the Lord to send efficient Labourers into this part of his vineyard. Pray for me, in this wilderness of sin: & that our united efforts may be blessed of God to the saving of may souls — May the whole Earth be reclimed from the ruins of the Fall.

Yours in Christian bonds.

Albert S. Taylor.

To M. Badger
Corresponding Sec. of the A. H. M. Soc.

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[Taylor, A. G.]

Walker Co. Ga August. 19th 1839

Brerthre in the Ministry, & Mitionary effort.

The following report is for the third qr. of the year, which ended with the Month of July.

I have labored the grater port of the qr. in the field alotted the remainder of the qr. I was confined at home by sickneſs 1st in my family, 2nd I was sick myself. so that I was prevented from laboring any where. During the time I was able to continue my labor I had universal attenton good order in all assemblies, the preching of the word has been well attended, & some little concern is, I think, begining to be seen in some few. professors of all denominations are (at least externally) begining to mourn over the great coldneſs that pervades the general church in this country

I held a meeting at Red Hill, or the old Cherokee Cousel ground assisted by Bro Quillan of Lafayette. on which occasion there was four ladies received, on letter from other chuches, ~~as m~~ into the fellowship of Chickamaga Church, one of Bro. Quillan churches, whith the uderstaning that there will be a chuch organish there as soon circumstances will admit. Previous to that meting one form that place had been added to the same church in the same way. makeing 5 in all. There was alse five children baptised at the same meting. 4 of them were children of the ladis who were received in to church on the occasion.

I expect to organise a church about 15 miles from Red Hill in Hamelton Co. Ten. this fall or next spring.

The sabath schools, which I organised las spring are extinct this failure was for the want of efficient teachers.

To A. H. M. Soc.

Yor fellow labourer, in Mitionary effort.

A. G. Taylor.

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[Taylor, A.G.]

Walker Co. Ga. Oct. 31st 1839.

Rev. Milton Badger. Sec of the A. H. M. S.

Dear Bro.

Through you, I again report to the Bord, of my labours dureing ~~the~~ qr. ending with this month. ~~&~~ This choses ~~the year of my~~ ~~mo~~ first year of my missionary labor under the patronage of the A. H. M. S. as well as this qr. In reviewing the year my hart allmost sickens to think that so little has been done through my instrumentality, no ~~[illegible]~~ church, has been organised & of course no additions to the chuch, but there is as I believe, one hopeful conversion, a lady, she lives at least 15. miles fom any organised Presbyterian church; I have preached in sight of her residence half of my time; since I came to this country, her brother & two sisters were members of the Church beffore they moved from the old settlements of Tennessee.— ~~This ladies brother has or~~ & wish a church oganised in their neighborhood, these with some more, who live in the neighbourhood will soon constitute a church. Ono Individual is so anxious, that he has offered to give a lot convenient to water, to build a church edifice on, & then adds that [illegible] with the little assistance he can get from his neighbors w[illegible]ld a house. This is some incouragement. I rest on the promise o[illegible]d, viz. his word "shall accomplish that whereunto he hath it[illegible]"

In the neig[illegible]borhood, above a[illegible]ded to, there was a protracted meting, held by the Cum[illegible]ad Presbyterians, in Sept. at that meting, there was fifty; two or three added to the church. There is a pleasant state of ~~state~~ things there, at this time.

If the ~~B~~ Soc. or ~~the~~ Committee think my connexion with them, has been continued long enough. it is their prerogative to say so; but if, they think they can consistantly extend their patronage to me another year, it will be thankfully received.— I have not receive to the amount of one cent. for preaching the last year, except ~~a[illegible]~~ from the Soc. & If the Soc. should deny me this comeing year I will of necessity be much involved. But you will be writen to on this subject by the members of my Pres.—

To the A. H. M. S. } Yours in Christ.

A. G. Taylor.

[Dailey, John]

[McDONOUGH, CO.]

Bible House New York April 18. 1840.

Received from John Dailey Jr. of Mc. Donough Henry County Ga. pr. H. W. Ripley Twenty five dollars as a Donation to the American Bible Society.

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Abm. Keyser
Treas. A.B.S.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions acknowledge the receipt of Twenty five Dollars from John Daily Jr Esqr. of Mc Donough. Henry Co. Geo. through the . Home Miss.y society.

A. C. Bull. agent

New York 18. April 1840.

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Rev. A. G. Taylor
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Rev. Milton Badger
No. 150 Naſsau-street
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McDonough Henry County Georgia April 8th 1840

Dear Sir Enclosed is one Hundred Dollars Bill on the State Bank of Allabamah I send it on the account of It Being worth more Than Georgia money at New york I wish The ~~a~~ Money to Be Equally Devided Between The(Home Missionary Society) (Forang Missionary Society) The Bible Society) and the American Tract Society) yours Respectfully

John. Dailey. Sen

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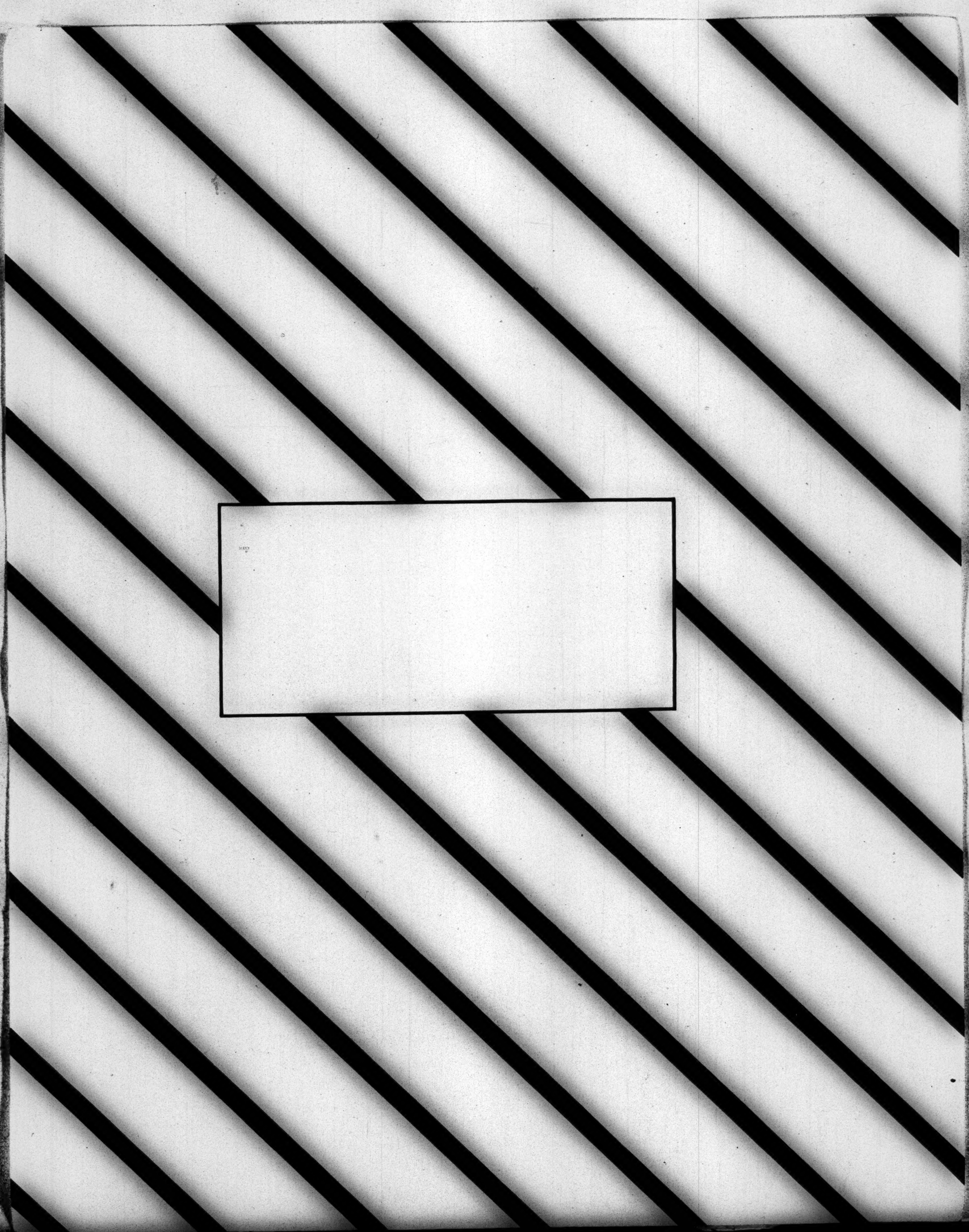

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INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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[Friends]

[J. Wimpy] Georgia Murray County, January 20th 1841.

Rev. and dear Sir,

We the members, of the Presbyterian church, and citizens of sugar creek, wish and desire the ministerial labors of the Rev Jeſse Wimpy for twelve months. We have subscribed 40$ for this year. We have not, yet, a church organized at this place; but, we expect to have one this spring, if we can. There are but five members of the Presbyterian church, as yet, in this neighborhood. The number of attendants, on the means of grace at this place, is from 50 to 60. There is no church organized, of any denomination within leſs than 12 miles from this place.

The Rev J. Wimpy will preach one third part of his time here amongst us. If any country needs a miſsionary, it is the new part of Georgia. There are several adjoining Counties in this part of the State, that has no Presbyterian minister to go in and out before us, & break to us the bread of life. We deem it unneceſsary to dwell upon this point. If the state of your treasury, be such as to grant us some aid, we humbly hope & desire that you will do it. The sum that will be neceſsary will be one hundred and fifty dollars.

We are affectionately your friends,

J. A. McEntire
member of the church
James McEntire Citizen.

Murray County Ga. January 20th 1841.

Dear brethren,

We wish to inform your benevolent society that we are now enjoying the one third part of the ministerial labors of the Rev. Jeſse Wimpy. For which we are only able to pay him 25 $. The number of members in this church is but six. The name of our little church is Peasant valley. We have not long been organized. The average number, who attends the means of grace here, is from 40. to 60. We are 20 miles distant from any Presbyterian church. The Baptist have a church within 3 miles of this ch. We know that the regulations of your Society, require the certificate and recommendation of some minister, who, is acquainted with the situation of the people asking aid. Owing to the great inconvenience of obtaining such certificate & owing the distance we are from any one who is really acquainted with our situation, we send our humble request to be laid before you for your action, desiring that we may be enabled to enjoy a preached gospel

We are dear brethren, yours truly &c.

The sum we wish is one
hundred & fifty dollars.

A. B. Weir, Elder
Robert Reid Trustee of the ch

If you grant our request
direct Mr Wimpy's commission to Spring place Murray County Ga

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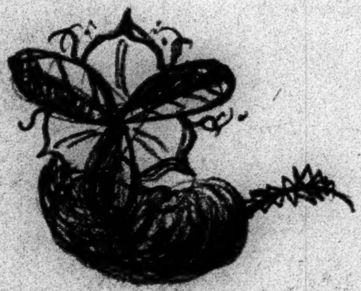

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Georgia Murry Co. Pleasant Valley August 27th 184

Dear Brother Georgia

I recived my commission the 17th of this month; I was not expecting it; the reason that I did not look for a commission; on the 2d day of this month a few lines come to hand informing me that my people ask.d too much from your society and they promised so little, that the committee thought best not to give me aid. Then my heart was troubled within me, and I was discourage, for I had been laboring as your Missionary since the 20th of last January. When I got a commission I was much suprise, and much rejoiced; I never got a commission in better time, for I was dunned for money. Your society gave me great relief. "Whereoff I was glad".

The people to whom I preach this year has paid for the support of myself $65-74 cts and will pay more. If I am not mistaken in your hand-write my commission is dated back to January the 20th

I now report labor done for six months up to July the 20th.

I wished to give you a history of a meeting that I held about the first of January last at Dahlonega; when I commenced preaching in that town it was evident that the Sirit of God was there; I preached every day and night, the eighth day I administered the Supper of the Lord; a deep feeling prevailed in the assembly. I proposed an anxious seat 15 or 20 came forward desiring the prayers of God.s people. The little church began to pray in earnest, 17 or 18 were converted as I trust, Christians graces seemed to be much revived. All denomingtions united together for the salvation of souls. The meeting lasted 12 days, I trust much good was done; but satans followers raged and persecuted at that time.

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Rev. Milton Badger,
Secretary A. H. M. S.
New-York Nassau Street
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Chi: Mur- ray ~~County~~ & Sugar
Creek Ga Jan 20.1841
apply aid in support of Rev
Jesse Wimpy -12 months

I have confined my labors principally at the places mentio
in my commission since the 20th of last January. At Shugar
Creek, I have had some interesting meetings; I believe the
members there are good people, and praying christians.
They requested me to organize them into a church, that they
may have the opportunity of enjoying communion seasons.
I appointed a meeting on the fifth Saturday and Sabbath
in May. on Saturday they were organized into a church.
The first Sabbath in this month, myself and brother
Taylor, administered the Lords supper to those people;
I trust much good was done in preaching the good word
of God. My appointments in that place are well attend
ed, and they give good attention to the word of life.
I have preach one third of my time in that church;
and one third in Pleasant Valley church; the other third
at Conasauga and Spring-Place.
I have labored in preaching the gospel, and holding
prayer meetings in Pleasant Valley church, since the date
of my commission, I trust with much success.
Brother Ledford and myself, held a protracted meeting, the
first Sabbath in June 9 or 10 presented themselves for the
church to pray for them; one male professed a hope in
Christ, and has since attatch himself to the church
also a female has joined the church. Two by letter.
Two individuals are propounded for admission at
our next meeting. We are building of a large shed
to hold another protracted meeting in the fall.
In this neighborhood the people are inclined to support the
gospel as far as they are able. In this new country
Presbyterians have many difficulties, we have many thirty
day Baptist, they use their influence against
knowledge, educated ministers, and are opposed to all
the benevolent institutions of the day, particularly
Temperance Societies. the Sabbath is neglected and profaned

very much. God has revived his work at Red-Clay, ten miles from this place near 100 has joined the Methodist church, some the Baptists, some the Presbyterians, and a powerful reformation has taken place.

Brother this is indeed missionary ground. I am the only Presbyterian minister in this large county; hear are Murry, Gilmore, Lumpkin, Cherokee, Floyd Forsyth counties need active pious ministers at each county eight to preach to souls, and break to them the bread of life.
I now draw a draft on your treasurer for fifty dollars I now have reported labor done from the 20th of January upto the 20th of July last. Turner and Humphres in Co. will purchase my draft.

I remain your brother in the
gospel of Christ
Jesse Winn

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Revd Milton Baetger
New-York No. 150
Nassau Street

Rev. Jesse Wimpy Pleas-
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[AUGUSTA]

Augusta Ga June 6th 1842

Rev. Milton Badger

Dear Sir

Above I hand you a Check on the City Bank N. York for One Thousand Dollars it being a Part of a residuary Legacy given by Wm A Mitchell deceased — for Missionary and other benevolent Purposes at the discretion of his Appointed Exr Sylvester Norton Esq of Troy New York

Will you have the goodness to send me the Treas Receipt for the same — and also acknowledge the same to Mr Norton at Troy New York —

Perhaps it will also be well to
Ack- the same in the N. York
Observer that the friends of
Mr Mitchell may see the application
to the benevolent Objects of
your Society —

Very Respectfully
Yours
W. Myers Cather
Adm^r &c

[McKee, Joseph]

[J. Wimpy]

Dahlonega Georgia Dec. 14th 1842,

Gent. We feel constrained to solicit your pecuniary aid to assist us to employ the Rev. Jesse Wimpy to labor among us in preaching the Gospel in Dahlonega Lumpkin County, in Pleasant Valley and Sugar Creek, Murray County. These places are situated in the Country of the Cherokees. Pleasant Valley and Sugar creek are about 18 miles apart, and both 60 miles from Dahlonega, In all this Cherokee Country there are but three Presbyterian Ministers, of the Constitutional Assembly, Already thirteen small churches have been formed, Here is a field for great usefulness, the Country is mountaneous and the climate in every respect is suitable for a population from the north.

In Dahlonega the County town, where the Mint is located we have a Church composed of eight members, there is also a Baptist Church of about 20 members, and a Methodist Church of about 20 members. In Pleasant Valley we have a Church consisting of 14 members. the Methodist number about 20. in Sugar Creek our Church has five members,

The attendance at these Churches average about 80. to 100 We can raise among us \$110. and if we can obtain from your Society \$200, we shall be able to secure the labors of Mr. Wimpy by which we hope in a short time to be able to support the Gospel among our selves without foreign aid,

Address the Rev. Jesse Wimpy at Dahlonega Lumpkin County Georgia.

To the Secretarys of the
A. H. Missionary Society
Nassau Street New York

D. H. Mason Elder in Dahlonega,
J. H. McEntire Elder at Sugar Cr.
A. B. Weir Elder Shumak Chch

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sing $1000 — legacy of the
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Nassau Street
New York

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I have read the within letter and can say - from personal knowledge that the whole region embracing the new counties of Georgia is a most excellent field for missionary labours. The country is settled by individuals from various States. Immorality and vice of almost every description prevail to an alarming extent. At the same time temperance societies have been formed and there is reason to believe that much good will be done in this way. I attended a protracted meeting, a few weeks ago, held by Rev. Jesse Wimpy at which 21 individuals professed to obtain the favour of God. It appears to me that the good work of the Lord would go forward, in this country, if ministerial labour could be obtained. Under this feeling I recommend, most warmly, the case of the three churches to the consideration of the A. H. Missionary Society

Joseph McKee member of
Union Presbytery
Tennessee

I hope the society will be able to do something for these feeble churches for a few years, if not so much as is asked, $100, or 150, might enable them to live, & grow. yours in the gospel Isaac Anderson

[Dailey, John]

[McDONOUGH CO., GA.]

McDonough Henry County Georgia
April 28th 1843

Gentelmen Enclosed is Eighty five Dollars for missionary Bible & Tract Society Last April I Sent Seventy five Dollars to the missionary & Tract & Bible Society of of New York & not Seeing a Reat or hearing from it I Doe not now wether it was Recivd or Lost By the way I Remain yours

John. Dailey

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of Rev. Jesse Winkby 12 mos;
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J. Anderson.

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Rev.d Messrs Milton Badger } Sec.ries of
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Charles Hall } the H. M. Society

New-York
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My post office address in this County is Coahuttah Springs Murry Co Georgia

[WIMPY]

Georgia Murry Co April 21st 1843

Dear Brother

My commission came to hand last Saturday the 15th I was glad to find that the committee agreed to let me have some funds the amount is one hundred and twenty five dollars, for twelve months. My commission is dated Dec. 14th 1842. When application was made by my churches, I commenced laboring as your missionary preaching at Dahlonega, Shugar Creek, and Pleasant Valley churches.

At Dahlonega last March was a year I was called to organize the members of the presbyterian church that had come from other parts, they wished to enjoy the means of grace and belong to a constitutional Presbytery; last fall Kingston Pres. took it under its care. The church numbers only 8 members.

The people at that place attend church much better at this time than they did last fall. At our next communion we expect one or two to be added to the church. Many deaths has taken place in a few days, Many are afflicted with scarlet fever.

At Sugar Creek I have preached one part of my time in that church, we have had no additions as yet, but a great attention to the word of God, and to the ordinances of Gods house

In the warm season we have a small Sabbath school, the number of scholars are from 15 to 20 and about 25 volumes for the use of the school. The church has paid for the support of the gospel $ 8-50 cts.

Pleasant Vally church; I have preached the other part of my time four persons have been added on examination since the 14th of Decembe last they being added to the church had a good influence on the congregation. There are materials to build up a large church by the faithful preaching much good can be done. The church has paid to the support of the gospel $ 8-50 ct. In this church we have 26 names to the temperance pledge and many others are friendly to this noble cause.

I have forgotten to tell you, we have a larg sabbath school in Dahlone and a good library of books for the use of the school. We have a temp Society in the town and county the number of members are 4 Many drunkards have been reclaimed. It has been supposed that 28 thousand dollars worth of spirits have been consu

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To. The Treasurer of the Missionary
Society or Milton Badger
or C Ripley New York
Nassau Street New York

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every year for 6 years, the current of Spirits have in a great measure stop'd. Last winter Mr. Taylor lectured on temperance for five days and done much good in Dahlonega.

Brother I have many difficulties in this new part of Geo. constitutional Presbyterians have great opposition from the New Basis party all of their enmity have prove a blessing to our little churches, many of that party are as bitter a they can be; but I will try to do them good and pay no regard to their bitter words of slander. May the Lord bless your society in all its benevolent efforts to do good. For labor done the society owe me thirty one dollars and twenty five cts. I will draw a draft at the end of the next quarter when I make the next report.

Yours in the bonds of Gospel

Jesse Kimsy

[Wimpey, J.]

Georgia Murray Co. Shumake Pleasant Valley July ~~15~~th 1843

Dear brother. Post-office address Dahlonega Lumpkin Co Ga.

Since the last report to you, my family have been very much afflicted some little over two months. My yongest child was buried, and my wife has been confined many weeks to her room, but is getting some better. In consequence of affliction I have not preached in my churches regular for some time, but I am preaching in my places designated in my commission at this time.

I have ~~of~~ had a Sacramental meeting in Murray County on Shumake on the fourth Sabbath in last May, the communion was pleasant to christians, there were no conversions during the meeting; since that time I have had some anxious persons to converse with that were in in deep distress, and two have professed a hope in Christ.

Four weeks ago I organized a Sabbath School in Pleasant Valley on Shumake; the school is composed of six teachers and thirty-five schollars, the pupils and their parents are much interested in the prosperity of the school.

At Sugar Creek Church, I have had no additions to that little church this year, but there is great or unusual attention to the word of God. There are two Sabbath schools in in the bounds of that church, one for the males, the other for the females. There seems to be some feeling among the unconverted in that congregation. The members of that church has paid for the support of the gospel, since my last report six dollars, Pleasant Valley church has paid ~~seven~~ dollars and seventy-five cts. Dahlonega church has paid twenty-eight dollars and fifty cts

Nothing

Spring Place Ga
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Rev. Milton Badger
150 Nassau-Street
New-York

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Rev Jesse Wimpy Coahulla
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The other part of my time I have labored in Dahlonega, I think with but little success. I am very much persecuted in that town, but by the assisted of the Spirit of God, I intend to ~~go forward~~ continue and do my duty, and visit families and preach the gospel.

Brother I need your prayers, and the prayers of the commitee, that I may have the work of my God at hearts and feel for the souls of sinners, and their wellfare in time and in Eternity Brother I have reported labor done for six months, from the date of my commission the 14th of Dec 1842 up to June 14th 1843. I wish you to send me a draft of $62-50 cts which is the half of my stipend from your Society.

Yours in the bonds of the gospel

Jesse Wimpy

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Georgia Murray Co. Shumake Sep. 18th 1843.

Since my last report

I have labored at my usual places of preaching the last quarter. At Shumake the members of the church have determined to build a meeting house this fall. We have it in contemplation, there, to hold a protracted meeting in November to last some days, and expect a few to joine us the first time, and be permitted to commune with the children of God. At, or in Shumake settlement we have commenced anoth Sabbath School, the number of Scholars are thirty-two, and teachers four, the School will increace but we lack books.

The place of worship, the people attend on the means of grace well, and at times much feeling is manifested in the congregation.

At Dahlonega the church is small, and part of of the members of the church have been absent for four months, and I am waiting for their returne before we will have a Sacremental meeting, the Session think it best, to do so; In that town a revival has commenced, I trust for the good of many, I was not preasant but I am informed that many have joined the different churches. The reason that I have delay in writing my report to you, the 18th day of last month I was called off to attend a protracted meeting 74 miles from home. The meeting was continued 8 days, and all denominations united in the worship of God together, five were added to the Pres. church on examination, the church is called Hicky Flat, I trust much good was done. At the close of the meeting I took the billious feeber, and never got home untill the tenth day of this month, and am now well enough to commence my labors again

I have now reported labor done from the 14th of June upto the 14th September. I do not wish my pay until

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Milton Badger
No. 150. Nassau Street
New-York.

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the end of th year when I make my last report.

Brother I would be glad you would send the Home Missionary paper to (Dahlonega Lumpkin Co. Georgia) I am your Brother
in Bonds of Love
Jesse Wimpy

[J. WIMPY]

Georgia Lumpkin Co. Dec. 15th 1843.

Dear brother

I have moved my family the other day to Dahlonega where I think I can be more useful. By the solicitation of the people of this place, I consented to move to this town to preach twice in every month, and visit families and preach to gold diggers that will not attend any church of the different denominations. Agreeable to my commission, on its terms, I have done the best I could in preaching in the places designated in the commission you sent me. Part of the last quarter I was afflicted with the chills and fever, so it prevented me from preaching five Sabbaths.

In this town, we have much preaching of a certain kind, some of the exhibitions from the pulpit has neither form no comliness, yet many people are pleased with such preaching. I find many in this mountainous country opposed to ministers that have studied theology and prepared themselves for usefulness, but this must be overcome by perseverance in taking a strait forward course in doing good. None have been added to this church in the last quarter of the year. The Sabbath School is doing well in this place and promises to be useful to the inhabitance of Dahlonega. The temperance cause is prospering in this town and county; on next Christmas day in this town a temperance convention is appointed by the people; intemperance in the gold reagions is very common, and many follow the practice of drinking.

In Pleasant Valley church, I have preached part of my time, and I trust with profit to souls; we had a good Sabbath school in the meeting house, but the meeting ~~h~~ house is taken, by a man of the world, from the church and we are deprived the privilege of keeping Sabbath school and preaching in it, and much unpleasant feeling exist in the neighborhood, what will be the result I cannot tell. That church have paid for the support of the gospel $16, the last year and $14 yet remain unpaid. The most of the members of that church will move to the west in a short time. They have made no applications for me to preach to them the next year, owing to the ~~un~~ unsettledness of its members.

[Winfrey, Jesse]

Rev. Jesse Winfrey Sumach Ga
Sep. 18. 1843 Recd

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Rev. Milton Badger
150 Nassau Street
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In Shugar Creek church, I have preached the other part of my time, and have visited all the families beloning to my charge, I feel more good has been done by visiting than preaching. My appointments have been well attended, the hearers give good attention to the word. The Sabbath School is prospering, and the parents of children are interesting in the prosperity of the school. The people of that church have paid for the support of the gospel $15-50 cts the last year, $ 14.50 cts yet remains to be paid, and part of that will be paid in a short time. They wish me to preach the next year, but have not made any application for me to belong to your benevolent society. I have promised Pleasant Valley church and Shugar Creek church that I will visit them occasionally this year. Dahlanega church will pay all ~~was~~ they have promised weeke after next, and wish you to send me a commission for this year and they will pay the same they paid last year.

I have reported labor done from the 14th day of September up to the 14th day of December which is the end of the year. I now wish you to send me a draft for six months labor which is sixty two dollars and fifty cts.

I remain your brother in the
bonds of love
Jesse Wimpy

To the Committee of the Home Missionary Society,

Gent.. The Rev. Jesse Wimpy has engaged to preach to the Church in this place, [Dahlonega] two sabbaths in each Month, the ensuing year, provided you will assist in his support, the Church here is small and are not able to give his intire support, three or four Members have agreed to hire a place for worship, and pay him Fifty Dollars, he wi therefore require from you for the next year about two hundred Dollars, The remaining sabbaths in which he is not laboring with us, he proposes to employ among the Gold Diggers, at or near their places of work, also in other vilages in this County, and in visiting the Churches in sugar Creek and Pleasant Valley, Churches he labored with last year,

Dahlonega is a place of some importance, one of the Branch Mints is located here, the white population of this place will number about eight hundred. there are but a few colored persons in this upper part of Georgia, except such as are hired by the year from the lower Counties to work in the mines, There is great need of faithfull Ministerial labor in the Cherokee country, as there are several contiguous counties and not more than two Presbyterian Ministers in all.

Mr. Wimpys labors have been bleſsed in this place in the hopeful conversion of several persons, and it is anxiously desired that his labors may be continued amongst us.

Very Respectfully D. H. Ma

D. H. Mason Elder.

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To the Corresponding Secretary
of the A. H. M. S.
150, Nassau-Street
New-York

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Presb. Ch. Dahlonega Ga
Dec 15, 1843 Applic. for
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port of Rev. Jesse Wimpy
12 mos. from Dec 14. 1843
to labor there &c in the vicinity -
Also Mr. W. report Dec

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[Dailey, John]

[McDONOUGH Co.]

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McDonough Henry County Georgia
May 13th 1844

Dear Sir Enclosed is Eighty Eight Dollars for the following Purpos is for the Bible Society homen missionary & Tract Society & Foraing missionary Society yours Reshitfully

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To Milton Badger
or
Charles Hall

John Dailey McDonough Ga
May 13, 1844 $88—

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[Grosvenor, L.] [SAVANNAH]

Savannah Dec 24. 1844

Rev. Dr Badger

My Dear Sir,

I continue to have a very strong inclination to go West, and as I agreed to write you on the subject, in case I should not feel satisfied here, I will give you my reasons for preferring Missouri to Georgia, or rather the Mariner's Church at Savannah.

A smaller man than myself (if you will not charge me with egotism & presumption for thus saying) can fill this station to equal satisfaction — perhaps with more. There is no Church, and not enough timber, (spiritual) to make one, altho' we have a very pretty Bethel built by one man — we have not more than half a dozen permanent attendants, and things must remain so for a long time, as there no 'long shore men, (amphibious animals) as they have in Northern and larger seaports, to fill up with. The landsmen are connected with other Churches and congregations — they will come & hear me once in a while, so

that I may expect an average of 20 strangers per Sabbath
to drop in — perhaps more, but I think this a fair estimate.
and then for the Sailors, my congregations from them, have
varied from 20 to 80, but will not average over 30 — so that
50 to 60 is the average of my whole congregation, and this
altho' much trouble is taken by the friends of Seamen to
increase the number of Sailors. Now I do not feel, by any
means, that my life spent here, would be wasted — I
only say that another might do it with more satisfaction
to himself & others than I could, and that I think I might
do more good elsewhere.

Another thing, and of course very important is, that they
won't pay for preaching here more than for 8 months
in the year, at the rate of $50.00 per month, and it
costs me now rather more than half that sum for my
board alone. I shall labor as I have done to convince
them that they must keep it up all the year round,
and they may do it (tho' I doubt it) but they feel poor or think
they do, and probably will not give over $50, and with
that a man can only hang on to this life, by the skin
of his teeth and as a bachelor.

As to other matters, I am in a tolerable state of content-
ment here — like the Port Society people very well —
and externally, things go on smoothly, tho' they have a little
too much caution & conservatism, not to say coldness, to suit
me. You may say that does not sound like Southern people,
but in Savannah people are neither fish nor flesh.

We are at length getting up a Sailor's Home — a small experiment, on an economical, small scale, which may grow larger or smaller another year, — God knoweth — but the people here, like a leaky ship, want continual pumping, and will never begin, till they get ready. I had been preaching about, in the churches, on the subject of a Sailor's Home for — but doubt if my influence would have been sufficient, even to have started this experiment, had not Mr. Douglass of Philadelphia come down, who took hold of the business — we called meetings, puffed & squibbed in the papers, and raised quite a breeze, so that the matter is now under good headway. in spite of the backwardness & stinginess of the Port Society & its managers — so that, if I may be said to have helped at all in the business, I shall not feel that my winter has been spent in vain, as this institution was the chief desire of my heart, in coming here, and the point to which I begged Mr. D. to direct his whole labors, and cooperated with him to the extent of my ability.

But I shall be quite willing to leave in May next, if I live till that time, and to trip across the country, or by the way of N.Y. to Missouri, if you want me. Please write me at your earliest convenience — and give me all the definite information you can about the place where you would wish me to labor

Yours very truly
L. Grosvenor

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Postoffice address, Cassville, Cass County, Georgia. October 14th 1844

Dear Brother,

I did not think it necessary to write to you before sending a quarterly report or I would have written before this time. I commenced operations by preaching the first sermon in Rabun county, Georgia, July 13th. 1844, which you may consider as the first of my labours under your commission. The circumstances which led to my delay in entering on my field of labour are briefly as follows. Sometime last fall I was at Maryville, Ten. and had a long conversation with Dr. Anderson respecting the moral condition of the new counties in the state of Georgia. He appeared to have great anxiety of mind because of the almost total want of the means of grace among the members of the Constitutional Presbyterians scattered throughout the new country. Before I left him I promised to go one year as a missionary and do all in my power to supply their wants on the condition that he would procure a commission and pecuniary aid from the A. H. M. Society. His design was and the understanding was that I should go through most or all of the new counties particularly where no minister was labouring and organize churches, preach to them and so keep them together till some other ministers could be procured to supply them and have a new presbytery formed in the new country. He wrote to your Society requesting them to send a commission to me to Wilkesboro N. Carolina if they approved of the plan. I went home to Wilkesboro but did not receive any communication from your Society by the time I expected one.] Spring came on. Our Presbytery was to meet in April. I went to it and supposing the Dr. had not succeeded in his application to your Society I did not return home immediately on the rising of the presbytery but remained in Tennessee several weeks to help the brethren in some of their protracted meetings. When I returned to Wilkesboro I found that the commission had been lying there nearly all the time I was in Tennessee. Then I started for my

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Rev. Milton Badger D.D.
(Sec. Home Missionary &c.)
New York

Rev. L. Grosvenor Savannah Ga
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field of labour as quick as I could but did not arrive till the time already specified as I had a long road to travel from Wilkesboro to the Cherokee country in Georgia. Since that time I have laboured in as active a manner as I could and according to my best judgment in order to promote the cause of my Redeemer's kingdom. It has always been my disposition when I undertake a work to do it with all my heart and leave nothing undone that is in my power that would contribute to its perfection. I have preached over 50 sermons, from 2 to 5 in the week according to circumstances, visited a great number of families and travelled more than 300 miles. I thank God that although I have not seen that fruit that might be desired yet I have reason to believe that my labour was not in vain. I organized two churches in Cass county, the one about 15 miles North of Cassville consisting of nine members. I have engaged Br. Mc Lin, who has charge of the church in Cassville, to preach to them once a month. They have commenced a Sabbath school and they are determined to build a meeting house. The other about 12 miles East of Cassville consisting of nine members Brother Mc Lin is to preach here also once a month till other arrangements can be made. We have here a Sabbath School of 50 scholars but a great want of books. Some of the children have to sit idle in the school owing to the scarsity of books. I saw ten or twelve persons make a profession of the religion of Christ at a meeting in Union county but I do not consider this as the result of my labours exclusively as I laboured in conjunction with one or two Missionary Baptist brethren in a five days meeting. Some of the members of the Baptist church said they never saw such a signal out pouring of the Spirit of God in any meeting in that county since it was settled by the white people. They remarked to me that when ministers of different denominations unite in a protracted meeting God generally blesses them in an unusual manner. I have reason to believe that good impressions were made on the minds of individuals in several other parts of the country impressions that I hope will not be erased till they terminate in a sound conversion to God. At the same time it is to be lamented that the moral darkness of this whole region is very great. When I was in Rabun county I was told there was no ordained minister of any denomination living in the county. I could not find one member of the Presbyterian Church nor a vestige of a sabbath school or of a temperance society. In Union county I found 5 or 6 presbyterians some Methodists and a considerable number of Baptists. But I could hear of no Sabbath School or Temperance society both had been attempted to be started by a presbyterian minister who is now gone out of the country but were put down by the Baptists and any attempt now to organize either the one or the other would meet with opposition from the same source. Lumpkin county is supplied with the ministry of the word. Br. Wimpy resides at Dahlonega the county seat. Temperance Societies and Sabbath schools are prospering here.

There is a great want of books in this country. Some families are totally destitute of the word of God notwithstanding all the exertions that have been made to supply them. Some have a mutilated copy of the New Testament, some a perfect copy and some a copy and a few leaves of the bible. One Old School elder has no bible in his house. Some of the publications of the American Tract Society have found their way into these destitute regions but not in such a quantity as to supply the wants of the people. They only create a desire to have more. If some Colporteur was employed to distribute books in these destitute counties his labours would undoubtedly be attended with much good.

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The people here are entirely ignorant of the nature and operation of the A. H. M. society and the American Education Society. Nothing is known about them only what was gathered from the misrepresentations of the Old School party who represent them as monsters of iniquity. I am confident if their nature and objects were known the mass of the community would be favourable to them. Please write to me and let me know the names and the number of the denominations that compose each of these societies as I intend to exhibit the claims of the A. H. M. Society on the patronage of the community.

Iron Works Ga
Oct. 14th

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[McKee, Joseph]
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Rev. Milton Badger Secretary of
the American H. M. Society
No. 150 Nassau street
N. York

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Rev. Joseph McKee Cass-
ville Cass Co. Ga Oct. 14
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With all due deference to your superior judgment I would respectfully suggest the propriety of writing a plainer hand than you are in the habit of writing. One of the Societys missionarys told me he got a letter from you he never did read and never could read. Now writing in this way defeats the very design of writing and you might as well not write at all.

If the state of your funds would justify it, it would be a great accommodation to me if you would send me a draft for fifty dollars. Yours in the best bonds &c Joseph McKee

Under the head of difficulties and discouragements much might be said however I shall only mention a few things.

Political excitement rages all over the country to such a degree that the affairs of religion are neglected as if they were of little or no importance while the questions who shall go to Congress and who shall be president of the United States are considered of such importance as to engross the whole attention of the community.

The Baptists here are divided into two parties, called Anti-missionary and Missionary, or "Hard shell" and "Soft-shell" Baptists. The missionary party, as their name indicates, ~~are~~ have very much of a missionary spirit, and do much for the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom and the promotion of the benevolent institutions of the day generally, while the Antimissionary party are violently opposed to all the benevolent and missionary enterprizes of the country. They have collected their sentiments ~~and written them out~~ to be printed in a volume. Their views on this subject ~~may be seen~~ are embodied in the 13th article of their creed, which I copied from the manuscript and is as follows:— "We believe that Theological seminaries, Sunday school Unions, Baptist State conventions, Missionary, Bible, Tract and Temperance Societies, together with their whole train of connexions and kindred institutions, are corrupt, unscriptural, without foundation in the word of God, and therefore impra~~cticable. Their~~ practice is in perfect accordance with ~~the views~~ as ~~expressed~~ ~~this creed~~. They ~~are deadly opposed~~ manifest deadly opposition to the cause of temperance, ~~and~~ though many of the Missionary party concur with them in their views on this subject. Some instances have occurred of the excommunication of members from the church for having joined a temperance society. [See bottom of p. 7]

The Old School brethren of the Presbyterian Church in this section indulge very much in sectarian views and feelings and oppose to some extent all other denominations but their spleen seems to be directed chiefly against the Constitutional Presbyterians. When the division of the Church took place the Old School party in this region denounced publicly the New School men as heretics and their doctrines as gross heresies which ought not to be tolerated in any orthodox community. They soon discovered however that the mass of the community prefered the doctrines of the N School to those of the O. School party. A change took place immediately in the conduct of the Old School party. They now keep the doctrines carefully hid from the community which they once publicly avowed and ~~now~~ go dressed in a New School garb, saying to the people there is little or no difference between us. We are all nearly alike in doctrine. We are the Old School i. e. *genuine presbyterians*. The others are an inconsiderable number of dissatisfied persons who left the Presbyterian Church but they will soon come back when they see their folly.

A New School minister will be asked 15 or 20 times in a single week What is the difference between the two parties? Wherein do they differ in doctrine? It is my opinion that every minister of the gospel ought to be able and ready to explain and defend the doctrines which he preaches when properly called upon to do so. This has always been my view of the subject and I never did and I hope I never will preach any doctrines as the doctrines of the gospel that I would not go to the stake for if necessary. There is a small constitutional church in Cherokee county, consisting of some 26 members. At the request of the session of this church I preached a sermon on the subject of the Atonement. The congregation was unusually large and attentive. Some 5 or 6 of the O. School brethren were present and took exceptions to the doctrine. They sent to another county for an O. S. minister to come and contradict the doctrine in a sermon. He came in my absence and preached a sermon which was very far from satisfying the public mind, and did not answer the purpose intended. Some weeks after this Br. McLin and myself came to hold a two days meeting in the same place. On finding that the public considered the Old School sermon to be little but a bluster of bitterness and a display of angry feeling I judged it prudent to say nothing by way of controversy. After our meeting was over I learned that a few of the O. School party had determined to employ two or three ruffians to beat me off the ground with clubs if I attempted to preach there any more but thinking this would lay them liable to a civil prosecution and would not be tolerated by the community they abandoned the project. They then fixed upon another plan which was to create a row during public worship and break up the meeting, though in a Methodist meeting house. A man named William Johnston an Old School elder was to take the lead in conducting this business. When I took the Hymnbook to open the meeting Johnston arose to his feet in the congregation, and beckoned and winked as a signal to his party to begin. No one paid any attention to him. The congregation appeared as if they were revitted to their seats. Johnston then went out of the house and 3 or 4 of his party followed him. They tryed to disturb the congregation by loud talk at the door but all without effect. The attention of the congregation was so fixed that it could not be interrupted. Johnston failing to accomplish his design left the ground altogether with his party. The congregation heard with the utmost attention during the meeting. And I have reason to believe that some lasting good was done. I have been thus particular in detailing this affair because it came from a source that few would expect. It is believed that it originated with the Old School minister of Cob county who is known to be violently opposed to the A. H. M. Society and all the operations of the Constitutional Presbyterians.

As I was travelling in Cob county a few days ago I fell in company with a tall athletic man. He was remarkably talkative, and [among other things he threw out some severe reflections on an ~~Episcopal Protestant~~ Church that was lately established in ~~the town of~~ Marietta, whereon a dialogue took place of which the following is the substance.

Question. What is there about that church that makes you ~~have such a~~ dislike ~~to~~ it?

Answer. Its government is unscriptural and arbitrary, its ceremonies are useless ~~and absurd~~ and the whole form consists of outward parade.

Q. What church do you like?

A. The Baptist church. I am a member of it.

Q. To which of the Baptist churches do you belong? For I understand they are divided into two parties.

A. I belong to the primitive Baptists. I am an ordained deacon in the church.

Q. Are they the party called hardshell and antimissionary baptists?

A. They are called by all these names.

Q. What is the difference between the missionary and the antimissionary baptists?

A. I am no scholar. I never read a word in a book in all my life. so, I cannot tell you all the differences between them. But the church that I belong to is opposed to all Missionary, Tract, Sunday school and Temperance Societies and I am opposed to them.

Q. Ought you not to be ~~very slow and~~ very cautious in opposing things lest you oppose some things that are good ~~ought not to be opposed~~? You say you cannot read; consequently you are deficient in one great source of information so you should study well the nature, design and tendency of everything before you manifest any opposition to it. By opposing missionary operations you oppose the whole system of Christianity. Our Blessed Saviour came from heaven to the earth on a mission to redeem the world, and in that respect ~~instance~~ he acted as a missionary. When he was on the earth he promised that if he would go away he would send the ~~Holy~~ Spirit to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. ~~He went away.~~ The Spirit came according to his promise and is to be viewed in the light of a missionary fulfilling his divine mission. Our Blessed Redeemer commanded his twelve apostles to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. So they were missionaries to all intents and purposes. We are required to pray the Lord of the harvest that he may send more labourers into his vineyard and these labourers are no other than missionaries who are to proclaim the gospel to perishing sinners. The preaching of the gospel is the grand means that God is pleased to use in the conversion of sinners.

A. I am not so much opposed to missions; but, what is the ary to it for? I am opposed to the missionary. I explained the force of this termination

tacked;

Q. Did you ever know of a sinner being converted that never heard the gospel preached? ~~With respect to your question I would say the mission is the authority, office or work of the missionary and the missionary is the person that does the work so, that the office and work or the mission and the missionary are inseparably connected and you cannot oppose one without opposing the other~~

A. I do not know of any man that was converted who never heard the gospel preached.

Q. Do you excommunicate members of your church for joining the temperance society?

A. We have had no case of the kind up before the church that I belong to. But there was a case in a neighbouring church of a woman being excommunicated for joining a temperance society. She and her husband were Baptists. He became a drunkard and his drunken frolics were so base and so frequent that the church at last expelled him. Sometime afterward he agreed to join the temperance society if his wife would put her name down. They both did so. The church brought her up and excommunicated her for signing the temperance pledge!

Please send me a copy of the Home Missionary as I intend to obtain subscribers to it if I possibly can.

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Post office address — Cassville Ga. Jan. 15th. 1845.

To Rev. Milton Badger, — From Rev. Joseph McKee, Cassville, &c. Ga.

Dear Brother,

As three ~~N.H. [illegible]~~ mongths have expired since I sent my first quarterly report to your society it now becomes my duty to send my second. Nothing of an extraordinary nature has occured in the course of my ministerial labors since I last wrote to you. I have not been able to preach ~~quite so~~ often on weekdays ~~as I did the last~~ quarter in con=sequence of the inclemency of the weather. Our houses here are generally made of logs and are very open and without stoves. Owing to these circumstances it is im=possible to collect a congregation in ~~a [illegible] spell~~ of bad weather. We have had no snow here this season but mu=ch rain and several spells of cold weather of about two or three days duration each. ~~In all other cases the weather is mild and pleasant~~, and the people feel no inconvenience from cold in attending public wor=ship even in the open air. I employed about half my time in attending to the two churches which I organized during the first quarter. I thought it would be imprudent to leave them to languish and die aw=ay after organizing them. My labour, ~~in this respect~~ through the divine blessing, has not been altogether in vain, ~~as I have reason to believe~~. Six new members have been added, ~~and~~ the congregations greatly enlar=ged, and sites examined on which it is intended ~~by the people~~ to erect ~~two~~ new meetinghouses. (Exploring N.H.) ¶ Part of the time ~~I~~ have ~~occupied the rest of my time~~ in exploring several of the adjoining counties. Gilmer county is almost en=tirely destitute of ~~the~~ christian ordinanies. Some in=dividuals here had not heard a Presbyterian ser=mon in three years, ~~some~~ others not in ten, and some, never till I came into the country. I succeeded in organizing a church in this county consisting of eight members at ~~a place called~~ Sander's town from the name of the Indians who formerly occupied the place. ~~The church is known by the name of "Little Brit~~

I have explored Floyd county, and found no Presbyterian Church, but a small ~~Old School~~ one, near the state line of Alabama. The rest of the county is in a state of destitution. There are several Presbyterians scattered over the county who scarcely hear ~~one Presbyterian~~ a sermon from our ministry ~~for every~~ in six months. I have not been able to organize a church here as yet. It is probable I may succeed ~~after some time~~ hereafter as I intend to continue my efforts.

N.H. The New Counties in Georgia.

There is a vast field open for missionary labours in the thirteen new counties of Georgia. I believe five or six missionaries could be well employed here, and might do an incalculable amount of good in establishing churches and organizing Sabbath schools. No missionary need come here ~~only such as is~~ except he be prepared to undergo all the privations incident to a newly settled country. Neither ease nor wealth ~~need~~ can be expected. The people are hospitable, ~~generally speaking~~ though of every grade of character, and from almost every part of the Union. Missionaries may expect enough to eat, of the common provisions of the country, which are very abundant. As the region is new, the ~~and~~ houses ~~to sleep in some of which~~ are [illegible] composed of round logs, three or four inches apart without any thing to fill up the spaces, with a sheet ~~of a bed~~ stuck up with two table forks, to fill the door at night. I have slept in houses of this description.

N.H. S. Schools organized

I have succeeded in organizing a Sabbath school at each of the three newly ~~organized~~ formed churches ~~viz Stampcreek, Pinelog, and Little Britain~~. I was very much aided in this work by the members of the churches. The schools ~~are nearly equal in size and strength of teachers including~~ comprise 150 scholars and 25 teachers. We are ~~very ill off~~ greatly for want of Sabbath school books in these new counties. Some of the children have to sit idle in the school, for the want of books and very commonly two or three have to read in one book. Formerly the boys spent the sabbaths in the woods hunting with dogs after Rabbits, &c. now they are anxious t learn to read. We know not what to do to get school books. No money can be ~~got~~ obtained here to buy them. We have no hope ~~only~~ except from the S. S. Unions of the North. ~~In the~~ beginning of last summer this Society promised to make 100 donations of 80 vols each to as many new Sabbath schools in the State of Georgia. We were afraid these grants were all disposed of before our applications were received. I wrote to the S. S. Union making application for three libraries for the three Sabbath schools above named. I have heard that one is granted and is on the way here but I have heard nothing of the other two as yet.

I am greatly obliged to you for the "Report of the A. H. M. Society." The "Home Missionary," and a draft for $50. Another of the same amount would be very acceptable as soon as it would suit your convenience to forward it after the reception of this report.

The course pursued by some of the sister churches here appears very remarkable to me. The session of the Old School Presbyterian church in the town of Decatur, Dekalb co. Ga. refused to grant to Mrs Morse a letter of dismission because she said she was going to join the New School church lately organized at Stampcreek Cass co, Ga. but told her they would give it to her to join an Old School church. Lamentable darkness. N.H.

Two men were lately cited to appear before a "Hard shell" (Anti-Missionary) Baptist church, to stand a trial; the one was charged with drunkenness, and the other with the crime of having joined a temperance society. The trial resulted in the acquittal of the drunkard and the excommunication of the temperance man. The reason assigned for this conduct is this:- the drunkard acknowledged he had done wrong but the temperance man would make no such acknowledgement. ~~[illegible]~~

[McKee, Rev. Joseph]

Post office address - Cassville, Cass co. Ga. March 31st. 1845.

To Rev. Milton Badger,

Dear Brother,

In compliance with the terms of my commission I herein send you my April statistical report. This includes the period from commencing labour under your commission till the first day of April 1845.

The churches that have the principal part of my time are those mentioned below.

In the report below I have taken particular care to state nothing but what I consider to be strictly the effects of my own labour.

Yours in the best of bonds &c.

Joseph McKee

	Churches organized	Members in each	Members added by profession	Members added by letter	Sabbath Schools organized	Schollars in each	Vols. in S.S. Library
Stroup's Iron Works or Stamp creek, Cass county, Ga.	1	9	1	2	1	88	180
Pinelog, Cass co. Ga	1	9	1	5	1	56	80
Little Britain or Sanderstown, Gilmer co. Ga	1	8			1	95	
Total	3	26	2	7	3	239	260

We received a library of 80 vols. as a donation from the S. S. Union for Stamp creek school and another for Pinelog school. The latter has not yet arrived but is on the way so I took the liberty of reporting it as the library of the school. We applied for one for Little Britain. I hope it is on the way but as I have heard nothing of it I could not report it.

You may expect a full report in my quarterly communication. J. McKee

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Rev. Joseph McKee Cassville
Ga Jan 15. 1845 Report

I have not been able to form a temperance society here yet. Nor have I received any thing by way of contribution for any benevalent purpose. We are to have a temperance meeting tomorrow at 2 oclock at Stroup's Ironworks. — — J. McKee

June 14, 1845.

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To Rev. Milton Badger,

Dear Brother,

As three months have expired since I forwarded my second quarterly report I hasten to forward my third. Several remarks will be necessary in order to convey a clear idea of the moral condition of this country. The new part of Georgia is sometimes called the Cherokee county from the Indians who formerly occupied it. It is now divided into 13 counties. It is also divided into 4 divisions or strips called sections, running North and South 27 miles wide; these are again divided into smaller sections of 9 miles square called districts and are over 100 in number. Near the centre of each district a civil court is held, once a month, for the administration of justice. Each district is cut up into what are called land lots of 160 acres each, of half a mile square, making 324 in a district. About one third of the whole or that part which contained Gold was divided into 40 acre lots making 1296 lots in a district. These surveys were made and the lots drawn by the citizens of Georgia as in a lottery before the Indians were taken to the West. The Georgians generally remained in the old settled part of the country and sold their lands in the new country to emigrants that wished to settle there. The consequence is we have all sorts of people here. Some are from England, Irela[illegible] Scotland, France, Spain, Italy, Germany and the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. The lots of land were sold from 5 dollars a lot to 4000 according to the quality of the land. The settlers paid away their money generally for their land which was taken to the old settled part of the country and for this reason the money is scarce in the new country. The country is healthy and the climate pleasant. The heat of summer is not so great as it is in the Northern states and the winters are very mild.

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Rev. Joseph McKee Cassville
Ga March 31, 1835 [illegible]

by some frosty nights in March. The most valuable minerals are found here and some of them in great abundance among which are the following:— Gold, Silver, Lead, Iron, Zinc, Quicksilver, Copper, Bismuth, Manganese, Plumbago and Antimony. We have here a sample of nearly all the religious denominations on the earth, particularly, Episcopalians, Episcopal Methodists, Protestant Methodists, Old School Presbyterians, New School Presbyterians, Cumberland Presbyterians, Independent Presbyterians, Howardites, Hard Shell Baptists, Soft Shell Baptists, Freewill Baptists, Campbellites, Roman Catholics, Universalists, Unitarians, Seceders Lutherans Mormons and Millerites. Among these may be found all descriptions of character that were ever known to exist in the church, not excluding Achan, Judas, Simon Magus, Ananias and Sapphira, Diotrephes, Demas, Alexander, Hymeneas, Phyletes, Alexander the coppersmith and Jesebel. Some indeed are as spots in the feasts of charity, clouds without water, trees without fruit, raging waves of the sea, wandering stars, murmurers, complainers, sensual, having not the Spirit. But drunkards, swearers, gamblers, sabbathbreakers, talebeares, slanderers, liars and nonprofessors are by far the most numerous class. Immorality prevailed here a few years ago almost beyond description, setting even the civil law at open defiance. The laws of the state were suspended in Murry county for 5 years together so far as they regarded courts of justice; no debts could be collected; no criminal tried. Every man did that which seemed good in his own eyes with impunity. No man could be tried for shooting, sticking, dirking or killing his neighbour. The ringleaders of these outrages have fled to Texas and are at work in that republic. The civil law is now in operation. The morals of the people are grealy improved. Temperance societies & Sabbath schools are becoming popular. The soil is fertile, the climate excellent and the population is increasing very rapidly. It is believed this new country will in some time be one of the most delightful portions of the United States.

The Synod of Tennessee laid off a new Presbytery in this new country last fall which held its first session on the 3d of this month in Cassville. The members were Rev. James McLin, Jesse Wimpy, Joseph McKee — Ruling elders — D. H. Mason from Dahlonega church, H. Gaston from Pine-log church, Wm. A. McCurdy from Hickory flat church, A. R. Richards from Stampcreek church and J. Morrison from Little Britain church. Br. Mason the elder from Dahlonega church was licensed by Presbytery to preach the gospel as a probationer. Our prospects have been rather brightening since my last quarterly communication. The congregations are larger everywhere and there is a greater anxiety for the ordinances of religion and sabbath schools than formerly. We can get along tolerably well if we say nothing on the subject of pecuniary aid. The Baptists have made the impression generally that the gospel is free and ought to be free and that no preacher should receive any pay for his labours. And indeed there are some places where I have not and dare not say one word on the subject of supporting the gospel ministry; however, I intend to instruct the people at a proper time and in a proper manner upon this part of heir duty. Br. McLin has to teach a school to get a support for his family which is large and helpless, the churches which he serves not affording him a sufficient support. Br. Wimpy ives his whole time to the work of the ministry. He attends 3 feeble hurches and preaches on weekdays in other parts of the country. His family is very poorly supported and I think if some of your benevolent correspondents would send him a box of clothing suitable or a minister's family it could not be more appropriately disposed of. Books are greatly needed here. Br. Wimpy has been labouring faithfully for the last eight years in this state under very great pecuniary embarrassments. I think I may safely say he has not $20 worth of books in the world. Could no benevolent person be found in your part of the world that would send some books either new or second hand to aid is library? We look to you for assistance. In consequence of your id our Presbytery has been organized; and, now when it is ormed we look to you for help till we can shift for urselves.

In my last quarterly report I stated that I had organiz three Sabbath schools and that I had written to the Sunday S. Union for 3 donations of books and that one of them was on the way. Since that time it has arrived and is in successful operation. The other two grants are made and will shortly arrive and be put into operation. Some of the children received the news of the arrival of the books with as much joy as if they had become heirs to an earthly estate.

Since my last quarterly report I travelled and preached in the counties of Floyd, Cass, Forsyth, Lumpkin, Gilmer and Murry. I expect to organize two churches shortly one in Frogtown, Forsyth county the other in Bra=plains in Murry county.

Believe me to be your's in the best of bonds &c

Joseph McKee

Rev. Jos. McKee Cassville, Geo.
April 19 1845 Report.

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P. S. I am greatly obliged to you for your second draft for $50 another would be very acceptable as soon as it would suit your convenience after you receive this report. If you will be so kind as to send me a copy of your annual report for this year it will greatly oblige me.

If I had some of the books and tracts published by the American Tract Society I think I could distribute them in a suitable manner and in a way that I hope might do some good: but I have none.

[McKee, Joseph] ~~Geneva~~ Antigua

~~Postoffice address Cassville, Cass. co. Ga. July 28. 1845.~~

To ~~Rev. Milton Badger.~~ From a Missionary in the Northern part of the State.

~~Dear Brother,~~

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I should have forwarded my ~~fourth~~ report before, ~~this time~~. But, I ~~was~~ have been so much engaged in filling up a long string of appointments for preaching which extended through several counties, that I had not time to write it out till now. Some of these meetings were very interesting and continued so long that I had scarcely time to go to the next appointment. My field of labours since my last report, has embraced the counties of Walker, Murry, Cass, Cherokee, Lumpkin, Forsythe and Gilmer. There is a greater prospect of good in general, than I ever saw before. The congregations are larger, more attentive and orderly than they were six months ago. I organized a church in Frogtown, Forsythe county, consisting of eight members. Brother Wimpy and I held a protracted meeting here under a large arbour which the people built in the woods. The meeting was numerously attended and deep seriousness pervaded the congregation from the beginning. ~~When th[illegible] were invited to the "Anxious seat" to [illegible] instructed and prayed for 8 or 10 came at once~~ Twelve or fourteen, most of them heads of families, sought our instruction & prayers; before the close of the meeting 7 others were added to the church, chiefly on profession of ~~religion~~ faith. The anxiety ~~for religion~~ increased as the meeting ~~progressed~~ advanced; ~~for every one that made a profession soon became anxious~~ so that toward the last of the meeting there were 20 or 30 in deep distress about the salvation of their souls. We had to dismiss the meeting in this state of affairs in order to attend another ~~protracted meeting~~ in Gilmer co.

~~A singular occurrence took place at this meeting.~~ A lady of high repute in the neighbourhood for morality and piety presented a certificate of regular membership from the Methodist Protestant Church with a design to join our church. Brother Wimp discovered, by a little conversation with her, that she had neither made a profession of religion nor been bapized, but was received as a seeker. He told her we received none but professors into our church. This news sunk very deep on her mind. She began to think all was not right with her. Conviction seized her mind and when the anxious were invited she came; her distress of mind increased and before the end of the meeting she gave a clear account of a work of grace on her heart. We then received her on her certificat into the church and baptized her.

We had a very interesting meeting ~~at Sanderstown, Gilmer county~~. Deep seriousness marked the meeting in Gilmer Co., from the beginning to the end. There were 15 16 anxious persons that came forward to be prayed for. Three united with the church as members on profession of religion.

From a missionary Report. N.H. Sabbath Schools.

Sabbath schools are becoming very popular in this region and several parents who formerly refused to let their children attend the Sabbath school are now extremely anxious to have them attend. At the same time there is great opposition here to Sabbath schools from the Hard shell Baptists. There is one leading preacher of this denomination who operates ~~within my sphere of labour~~ in this region, and who preaches more or less against Sabbath schools in almost every sermon; and, strange to tell, the people of a certain neighbourhood where I preach occasionally who were indifferent about Sabbath schools, on hearing him preach against them, were fired with anxiety to support the Sabbath school system, and never rested till they had one organized among them of 50 or 60 scholars.

Cherokee County — Missionaries Wanted. N.H.

There is a great want of 5 or 6 missionaries in the Cherokee country of Georgia. The great mass of the people belong to no church, and are become almost as wild as the beasts of the field and they are raising up ~~vast~~ multitudes of children without religious instruction or education of any kind. The field is now open for labourers. There is now a ~~general~~ disposition, all over the country to receive and encourage missionaries, to some extent. But they cannot get support yet without foreign aid. Missionaries employed by your society, will, in my opinion, do more good and be better received than those from any other source. A missionary of your society that will labour as he ought and might do, planting churches and establishing Sabbath schools will excite other denominations to be more active and zealous in the cause of religion and education. I believe, if I have not been the cause of provoking my brethren of the ~~Missionary~~ & the ~~Baptist and Methodist~~ denominations to love, I certainly have to good works: for, in whatever destitute place I preach, they are sure to preach in the same place; wherever I organize a church, they organize one or more; and, wherever I establish a Sabbath school they establish two. Consequently, I have caused as much labour to be done during the last year ~~as~~ could be accomplished by two or three of the most active men.

I believe 3.000 children who are yet running wild as the beasts of the woods could be organized into Sabbath schools if there were any prospects of obtaining schoolbooks. Schools organized and carried on by Presbyterians are generally permanent, ~~which those organized by Methodists soon go to nothing owing to a deficiency in their disciplinary regulations and those established by Baptists have no permanency whatever because they raise their children in the total absence of all discipline.~~

A remarkable ocurrence took place at the house of Josiah Roberts, near Auraria, in Lumpkin co. on the 12th Inst. Mr. Roberts is a man of bad morals and keeps a grogshop or dogary as it is called here. About 20 men were collected at his house to drink and gamble and while they were engaged, some in gambling in a room off the grogshop, some in drinking, some in quarrelling both in and out of doors one of the gamblers was cursing and swearing in the most profane manner. One of his companions interrupted him, saying, "You should not swear in that manner and it thundering." He replied, "d—n the thunder, I'm not afraid of it"! These words were no sooner uttered than a flash of lightning struck the house and snatched the cards out of the gamblers' hands and tore them all to mash, prostrated 9 men killed 4 horses that were tied to a locust tree at the door, split one of the sills of the house to pieces from one end to the other, tore the counter to pieces, burst the head out of a whiskey barrel and shattered to fragments 3 or 4 glass tumblers. Of the men who were knocked down, one was only stunned and sprung up to his feet immediately exclaiming in an irreverent manner, "Charge again, I am not dead"! 5 were thought to be dangerously injured [illegible] they soon recovered, one had his hat tore up all to mash as if it had been ground up in a mill and a strip of about an inch wide burned from his body from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot as if melted lead had been poured down him taking the scarf skin off with it. One of them was in a doubtful condition for nearly a week as to his recovery. He neither eat nor drank during the first three days after the shock. This dispensation of Providence mixed with mercy as it is ought to be regarded as a warning to admonish sinners of the uncertainty of life and the necessity of a preparation for a future state.

Our new presbytery is called the Chattahoochee presbytery and is to hold its second session on the 4th Thursday in September next at Stamp creek church in Cass county Ga. It includes in its bounds all the new counties in the state. The members of this presbytery are of the opinion that our cause would be best promoted by me travelling at large in these new counties another year and wish me to apply to you for a commission for the ensuing year. They think it is better for me to labour generally in order to open the way for the settlement of other ministers in the destitute counties. If you should send me a commission I am in the field of labour and will continue in it. If not the presbytery are determined to renew the application and lay the whole condition of this part of the before you. I came here without any certainty receiving a single dollar from the people. They, however, did contribute something. According to the most accurate calculation that I can make, I received $17.50 including shoes, socks, hat, ~~co~~summer coat, pantaloons, shirt and $2.75 of money. I will risk the labour of this year at $150 from your society. Our hope for the salvation of this destitute region is in your society under God and we trust we will not be disappointed in our expectation. The people of these new counties are a working class of people. There habits and manners are in many respects like those of the peoples of the West. They are not abolitionists but they are antislavery men and would sincerely wish its annihilation if it could be accomplished without ruining either the white or the black population. Slavery is very little known here. There is hardly one family in every 50 that has any slaves. And the hatred to slavery is increasing every year throughout this part of the state.

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If it would not be inconsistent with your plan of doing business to send a box of clothing to Br. Wimpy of Dahlonega I believe it would be very properly appropriated. The corn crop here is ruined with the dry weather. Br. Wimpy, I suppose, will have to quit his field of labour and move to Tennessee to get bread to keep his family alive.

Hoping that my correspondence with you is not at an end I subscribe myself yours in the best of bonds

Joseph McKee

P. S. I herewith send you $1 for a copy of the "Home Missionary". Please send it to John Morse Strowpil Iron Works, Cass co. Georgia

J. McKee

Rev. J. McKee Cassville, Ga
July 28, 1845. Report.

Cassville Ga
Aug 13th
Paid

Rev. Milton Badger
Secretary of the A. H. M. Society
No. 150, Nassau Street
New York

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Application
of [illegible]
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$50

I feel much oblig'd to you for your Draft for the 3d quarter as soon as it will suit your convenience to send me another I shall accept it with many thanks. J. McKee.

I herewith send you a leaf from the minutes of a Hardshell Baptist Association, of Pike co. Ga. which will give you some idea of the feelings and views of some of our Baptist brethren here in relation to the benevolent institutions. A preacher of this denomination, at the trial and excommunication of a member of his church for joining a temperance society, said, "I do not wish to see the track of a temperance man in my church yard." J. McK.

[Mckee, Joseph]

Iron works, Cass county, Ga. Sep. 29. 1845.

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"It was resolved that Brothers Mason, Wimpy and Bates be appointed a Committee of Missions to correspond with the A. H. Missionary Society on the subject of missionary operations." &c.

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from the Minutes of the Chattahoochee Presbytery of the Constitutional Presbyterian Church

Joseph McKee, Clerk

To Rev. Milton Badger;

Dear Brother.

We whose names are hereto affixed, having been appointed as above, would beg leave to recommend to you Rev. Joseph Mc. Kee as a Missionary to travel throughout the destitute places in the bounds of this Presbytery, to organize churches, hold protracted meetings, and organize sabbath schools. There is a vast field for missionary labour in this new country yet unoccupied, and the population is increasing every day by emigration. It is the anxious desire of the members of this Presbytery to have this ield ocupied as soon as possible by planting churches and sabbath ools. And there is no one in our presbytery, we believe, so suitable, t present, for this purpose as Br. Mc. Kee. His labours under the care of your Society during the last year have been attended with unpresidented success. He has organized four churches, three of which have enjoyed a precious outpouring of the Spirit of God and a revival of religion. He has also collected above two hundred d fifty children into sabbath schools. The fruits of his labours now begin to appear and there is every reason to believe much more can done the ensuing year, which must all be given up for loss unless we can receive aid from your Society. We think $150. Dollars is as little as he can go upon, as very little aid will be received from those people for whom he is expected to labour. He has promised to labour one year for this amount from your Society.

Yours fraternally.

D. H. Mason.
Jesse Wimpy
Jesse Bates
Committe
of Mission

Address of the Committee.
Dahlonega. Ga.

The brethren, who have applied to your society for continuing Mr J. McKee as a missionary, have, no doubt, taken the right view of the the subject. October. 9. 1845

Members of Union Presbytery
East Tennessee.

Isaac Anderson
John McCampbell
William Minnis
Robert H. Snoddy

P. S. Please direct your communications to Mr McKee to Wilkesboro, Wilkes county, N. Carolina.

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Rev. Milton Badger
Secretary A. H. M. Society
No. 150 Nassau street
N. York

D. H. Mason & others, in behalf of the Chattahoochee Presbytery Cass Co. Ga. Sep. 29, 1845. Apply for $150 renewed aid in support of Rev. J. McKee 12 mos from July 13, 1845, to labor in the Northern part of Georgia 1534

Post office address, Cassville, Cass co. Ga. March 28. 1846.

To Rev. Milton Badger;

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Dear Brother,

Our Presbytery has just closed its session. The utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout the meeting. Our prospects are brightening. We have made arrangements to hold seven protracted meetings throughout the bounds of this Presbytery during the ensuing summer. I forwarded two quarterly reports at one time to you about the 13th of Jan. last in which I stated that a draft semiannually would suit my purpose. I do not know whether the reports were lost on the way to N. York or not as I neither saw any acknowledgement of the receipt of the letter in the H. M. for March nor heard from you since. The Presbytery at its late meeting resolved to take up a collection in all the churches under its care in aid of the A. H. M. Society but it was thought better to postpone it till sometime during the summer because of the smallness of the congregations in the winter season. You may expect a full quarterly report by the middle of the next month. The following is the Annual Statistical Report.

Name of the Church, &c.	No. of hopeful con.	No. added by prof.	No. added by letter	No. in Sab. schools	No. of Vols. S. S. Lib.	No. Tem. Subscribers	No. Chu. Organized
Little Brittain Church, Gilmer co. Ga. Salem Church Rome, Floyd co. do.	16	19	18	110 84 33 40	205 125 80 80	68	2
Total number 2	16	19	18	267	490	68	2

your's in the best of bonds, &c. Joseph N. McKee.

Entered, $112 50 Pd

Paid 10 cents

Talking Rock, Ga.
April 2

Rev. Milton Badger, D.D.
Secretary of the A. H. M. Society
No. 150 Nassau street
N. York.

Ap. 13, 1, 2 & 3, $112.50

Rev. Joseph McKee, Cassville
Ga. March 23, 1846. Report.

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[McKee, Rev. Joseph]

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Postoffice address, Cassville, Cass county, Ga. May 5. 1846.

To Rev. Milton Badger;

Dear Brother,

I should have forwarded this report before this time but could not for want of time to write it out. I have now two days to rest after the fatigue of attending three protracted meetings which were appointed by our Presbytery. Two of these were so far apart that there was scarcely time to travel from the one to the other. A very good feeling prevailed generally in all the meetings though nothing of a very extraordinary nature occured. Seven persons came forward to the anxious seat to be instructed and prayed for, in one, and eleven in another of the meetings but no one made an open profession of experimental religion.

It was the design of our Presbytery that I should supply a little church in Gilmer county (of which I gave you an account in a previous report) and travel the rest of my time in other counties to organize churches and establish Sabbath Schools and attend protracted meetings appointed by the Presbytery. In this business I have laboured since the last quarterly report which I sent you. The field of my labour embraced seven counties.

The last winter, though without snow, was unusually cold and severe. Our houses for public worship being composed of round logs and without stoves were sometimes too cold for the congregation. In such cases we sometimes carried the benches out and plac'd them on the sunny side of the house and had public worship in the open air.

I organized a church consisting of six members about two months ago, in Rome, the county town of Floyd county.

A gentleman by the name of Posy Mattox, in Cherokee county determined to convert a large frame stillhouse, which he had, into a meeting house and schoolhouse. By invitation I preached the first sermon in this house about three weeks ago and soon after this Br. Wimpy and I organized a temperance society of 11 members in the same place. I am invited to organize a Sabbath school but I am unwilling to proceed lest it fall to pieces for want of books.

[We have a wide field open here. If we had active zealous men that would endure hardness much good might be done; but we are in great want of men of this sort. We sent Br. Wimpy as a commissioner to the General Assembly and it is our wish that he would apply to your Society for two young men to travel as missionaries in the bounds of this Presbytery. All the members of our own Presbytery are not so active in the discharge of duty as they might be. Br. McLin has a large family some of them over six feet high; all going about idle. He owns four slaves, has considerable property and considerable sums of money at interest. He preaches to four churches. Half his time to Cassville church which is a disorderly church that never would unite either with the Old school or the New for fear of having some of the members turned out by a proper exercise of discipline as is believed. One fourth of his time to Stamp creek church and the other fourth of his time to Pinelog church. Br. McLin writes his sermons out and commits them to memory before he delivers them in the congregation. He is rather opposed to sabbath schools. He never could be got to shew his face in one of them though frequently solicited to deliver an address in them. He never would say a word in public in favour of the temperance cause. He has been preaching two years in Cassville and has never received the first member into the church but has lost many. Soon after I organized Pinelog church I set a Sabbath school on foot at the same place and made application to the Sunday School Union for a library for the use of the school. The library was granted and sent to the care of a Gentleman in Augusta who wrote to the school to know where he would send the library. Br. McLin proposed preaching to this church at this time if they would make him up a subscription. They did so. I then left them to occupy other parts of the country. Br. McLin neglected to visit this church three months in succession. He paid no attention whatever to the Sabbath school. The consequence was it fell to pieces long ago and the library is still lying in a cellar in Augusta. I have no ill will to Br. McLin. He is one of my personal friends. I love him but I love the cause of Christ better. These views coincide with the views of some of my brethren in the ministry. Report says that he has threatened to go to the Old School party if he should fail in obtaining $200 from the Home Missionary Society to which he intends shortly to make application for this amount. I had a great difficulty in my mind on this subject. After deep consideration and sincere prayer to God for light I came to the conclusion to make these facts known to you that you might have light on all sides of the subject if you should be called to act on the case.

Rev. Joseph McKee Cassville,
Ga. May 5, 1846. — Report.

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Iron Works Ga
May 11th
Paid 10

Milton Badger D.D.
Secretary A. H. M. Society
No. 150 Nassau street
~~[illegible]~~. — N. York.

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I am greatly obliged to you for a draft which I received in reply to my annual statistical report.

Our Presbytery passed an order making it obligatory on all the ministers to lay the claims of the A. H. M. Society before all their respective churches and take up a public collection in each in aid of the A. H. M. Society. Br. McLin though preaching to three churches never, so much as named the subject to one of them. Yours &c. Joseph McKee

There is a great struggle between light and darkness in this part of the country. The Georgia Railroad came into operation lately through Cass county, and it appears to be a fruitful source of immorality Every 9 or 10 miles is what the call a depo or place of deposite for goods. at each of these a number of grogshops or doggaries as some call them are opened for the sale of ardent spirits. One depo has already grown into a village by the name of Kingston. It is within seven miles of Cassville and has no fewer than fourteen of these houses of iniquity and one of them strange as it may appear is kept by a Methodist preacher. I went to him to help me to find a house to preach in. He said, there was no house that could be got to preach in. I told him it was a strange thing that professors of religion could find no house to preach in and yet could find houses to sell whisky in to make drunkards. I was determined not to be conquered by the devil nor to leave the place till I should have preached against immorality, at length I succeeded in obtaining the use of the storehouse—gave notice that I would preach on the Sabbath—when the proper hour arrived about 100 persons attended and behaved orderly and listened with good attention.

I went to a Baptist meeting some time ago. The preacher told his congregation that his text was, "The bands of Orion." He said it was somewhere in the book of Job and if they would read all the book they would find it. During his discourse he informed his congregation that the bands of Orion represented the seven persons in the Trinity! At the first I thought he made a mistake in the number seven but I was soon convinced it was no mistake for he said the same thing three or four times using a great variety in his phraseology but still retaining the same idea of seven persons in the Trinity.

To give you an idea of the wickedness of some of the villages in this country I will give the following statistics of ① Dahloneag the county seat of Lumpkin county
(1) There is a branch of the United States Mint here
(2) The town has 1000 inhabitants.
(3) There are 18 stores. ④ 8 Lawyers ⑤ 5 Doctors ⑥ 6 Blacksmiths. (7) 12 Carpenters. ⑧ 4 Organized churches. viz: The Methodist Episcopal church 140 members, of these 25 are professors of religion, the rest seekers. The Baptists 12 members. The Old School Presbyterians 9 members. The New School Presbyterians 10 mememembers. There are six ministers of the gospel. Seven tailors. One stillhouse. One Tenkinalley. One Billiard table Four Gambling rooms. One Weekday school. One Sabbath School. Twelve grogshops. Fifteen houses of bad fame. Eightyfive prostitutes. And between seven hundred and one thousand applications to Physicians annually for the cure of the venereal disease. Thieves &c. indefinite.

The above may be considered to be as correct a description of the town of Dahlonega as can be readily obtained. The information is all from authentic sources. and this town may be considered as a fair specimen of the villages of this new country.

Joseph McKee

[Mason, D.H. + Co.]
[McKee]

(IRON WORKS)

Iron Works Ga. July 21st 1846

Revd Milton Badger Sec. of the A. Miſsionary Society

We feel is a duty and privilege in the situation in which we are at present placed, to make some facts known to you for your consideration. We are in a new and thinly settled section of country though an important one, and the citizens not wealthy nor as much interested as we would wish and find it impoſsible to sustain the preaching which is essential without aid from some charitable quarter. And where can we send the Macedonian cry with hopes of ſucceſs sooner than to the A. H. M. Society and to yourself as their Secratary

The Two Churches (as follows) wish to retain and secure the services of the Revd James McLin as their stated preacher, hoping to get strength enough to settle him or some other minister of the gospel in the future, and you will please judge between us and the Society in regard to your duty and privilege in affording aſsistance. The Stamp Creek church has 22 communicants mostly females. The number of congregation in attendance is at least 150. They were without preaching, wholly so, some two years since till Mr McLin began preaching to them The way being prepared by Mr McLin Mr J McKee a miſsionary organized the church. The church has had for a year or so part of the labours of J. Wimpy. an old school church Presbyterian is located at some 7 miles to the S. W. Number of communicants not known. A Baptist church 7 miles to the N.E. A small methodist claſs 3 miles from us.

This church here has a sabbath school of 100. schollars and

15 Teachers. We also have a Washingtonian society of 58 members. The Caſsville church has 45 communicants. 150 is the average attendants. In the same village they have also a Methodist church and 142 communicants and a frame house for public worship and also a Baptist Church of 72 communicants and a frame house for the congregation

The Caſsville church has also a pretty large Sabbath School the number of Schollars and Teachers not known exactly

There is also a Temperance Society organized in the village

The Caſsville church though Presbyterian in doctrine took an independent stand at the time of the great division of 1838 and although it has not as yet put itself under the care of the Chattahoochee Presbytery it is believed it will with proper attention. This church had formerly the labours of Revd George and Revd C. W. Howard. who have removed the one to Connasing and the other to Charleston S. C.

The Caſsville Church proffers to raise $100 for the ensuing year. and the Stamp Creek church $45. leaving $200 of the neceſsary salary for the support of Mr McLin who has a large family and who has depended on teaching for his better support. but has found it neceſsary to discontinue his school and attend more to his ministerial duties than that calling would allow him to do in justice to his Churches.

If in the view of your society this donation of $200 should be considered justified and accordingly granted it would be thankfully received and duly appreciated and acknowledged. And our prayer to God is and will

be in all future time that it may tell us the upholding and support of the Redeemers Kingdom on earth and the salvation of souls in heaven
Yours in

William Latimer
H. N. Wilson

Elders of the Louisville Church

Elders of Stamp Creek Church
A R Richards
J. A. Boston

Dear Brother: From what we know, and can learn concerning Brother Melin, as a Minister, we can say he is a Good preacher, but we think he is not a suitable man to build up a church in this region,

Respectfully your humble servants.

D. H. Mason
J. Wimpy

Committee of Missions of Chattahoochie Presbytery

[McKee, Rev. Joseph]

Post office address} Cassville Ga. }

Hickoryflatt Cherokee co. Ga. August 31, 1846.

To Rev. Milton Badger,

Dear Brother,

I should have forwarded my fourth quarterly report before this time. The cause of the delay is this; the brethren neglected to take up the public collections in their congregations which the Presbytery required, nor are they yet all taken up. I thought I would postpone writing to you till I would be able to report the amount of the collections. This I can now do only in part. If any funds should be collected in future other that what are herein reported I shall forward them to you without delay that they may be duly acknowledged in the H. Missionary.

Nothing of an extraordinary nature has occurred in the course of my labours since my last communication. There is generally an increasing desire to hear the word of God. The congregations are much larger and much more orderly and attentive than they were some months ago. There is a much greater desire for the establishment of Sabbath schools and it appears to me that almost any number of schools might be organized and sustained if suitable books could be obtained gratuitously. In May last I organized a Sabbath school in Gilmer co. consisting of 63 schollars and 10 teachers for which Bro. Wimpy obtained a library of 100 vols. when he was at the General Assembly. I attend this school one Sabbath in the month and in consequence of the activity of the teachers it is going on well.

Rev. Henry Reid, an active and zealous minister

Elders of the
Cassville Church

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Rev Milton Badger D.D.
Corresponding Sec't
American Home Society
150 Nassau Street
N. York

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Presb. Chs. Cassville & Stamp
Creek Ga. July 21, 1856 Apply
for $200 aid in support of Rev
James McLain — Rev. H.
Mason & Re[illegible] J. Winsby rela-
tive to the [illegible] application.

of Christ though 65 years old, from South Carol
na, has purchased a farm within our bounds. He wil
become a member of our Presbytery and take charg
of one or more of our churches most convenien
to his new residence. Brothers, Read, Wimpy, an
myself have been generally labouring together du
ring the last 4 weeks in protracted meetings whi
were held at Dahlonega on the second, Sanderstown
on the third, Stampcreek on the fourth an
Hickoryflatt on the fifth sabbaths of August.
In general the meetings were highly interesting.
At Sanderstown 9 or 10 persons came forward to wh
at we call the "anxious seat" to be instructed and
prayed for; and one joined the church upon pro
fession of experimental religion. At Stampcre
some 10 or 12 came forward to be prayed for and
two united with the church upon examinatio
The anxiety of the people here became so great
on the subject of religion that we could not sati
fy them short of continueing the meeting ano
er week. To comply with the general wish of
the people and to fulfill the appointment at
Hickoryflatt it was agreed that Bro. Wimpy sh
uld remain at Stampcreek and Bro. Reid and m
self go to Hickoryflatt. We commenced our mee
ing here on Friday and closed it on Sabbath
afternoon. The congregations both on the week
days and the Sabbath were large and attentive
with the exception of one interruption which
was caused by the intelligence of the sudden
death of a neighbour and relative of a large
number of persons in the congregation. This
man had been excommunicated from the Methodist
Episcopal Church on the Tuesday preceding

his death. Brother Reid started from this place this morning for South Carolina to wind up his business there and move to this part of the country. I am to meet Bro. Wimpy on next Friday at Frogtown, Forsythe county, to hold another protracted meeting. Two others are appointed to be held by us before the meeting of our Presbytery which is to take place on the first day of October next. Hence you may see something of our manner of doing business.

I had a long conversation of late with our committee on missions in relation to the state of religion within the bounds of our Presbytery and it is the unanimous opinion of all concerned that we should have two missionaries at least to travel constantly within our bounds to lay a foundation for the future settlement of pastors. We want active zealous men for this purpose who will be willing to sleep in log cabbins and labour with all their soul and body for God and the salvation of sinners. I have been travelling at large chiefly through the unexplored parts of the thirteen new counties of Georgia during the last two years and although I have every reason to believe that my labours have not been in vain yet I do not see that fruit which I expected to see and which I think ought to appear. If I would consult my own feelings on the subject I would settle permanently with one or two congregations and leave the missionary field for others who would be more useful. The committee of missions are however of a different opinion from me on this subject. They insist that I shall not settle down in one congregation at present but continue one year longer at least to explore the missionary field and organize churches, sabbath schools &c. to prepare the way for the future settlement of ministers &c.

Yours in the best of bonds &c

Joseph McKee

Rev. Joseph McKee, Hickory Flatt, Ga. Aug. 31, 1846. — Relates to the Rev. James McLin. — Report

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Hickory Flat Ga
Sept. 4th

Paid 25

Milton Badger D.D.
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Society
No. 150 Nassau Street
N. York.

Coll: —
Entered
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The following are the collections in aid of the American H. M. Society as far as they have come to my hands the receipt of which you will please acknowledge in the Home Missionary.

From the Church at	Dahlonega	$ 2.15
"	Little Britain	1.86¼
"	Stamp creek	7.35
"	Hickory flatt	1.80
	Total amount	$ 13.16¼

You will please deduct this from $ 37.50 which is due me for the last quarter and leave $ 24.33¾ still due.

The Doctrines and Discipline of the N. School Presbyterians appear to me to suit the wishes of the thinking part of the community better and to be more productive of good morals than those of any other religious denomination. The Baptists and the Methodists are doing but little to educate the rising generation in Sabbath Schools. They gather into their churches all they can of every description of character. This is almost universally true of the Methodists in this part of the country. The consequences are, gross disorders soon appear in the churches; such as tipling, Sabbathbreaking, tattling, backbiting, lyeing and swearing &c. These immoralities prevail to such an extent that it is difficult to distinguish the professors of religion from the wicked of the world. Several churches, of the Methodists and Baptists within the bounds of my own knowledge have been agitated and torn, some almost and some altogether to dissolution by the wranglings and disorders of members that were hastily gathered in. The Old School Presbyterians are neither doing much good nor likely to do much. The community look upon them as antinomians who place their religion entirely in opinions and in opinions which they believe to be false, such as limited atonement, &c. &c. The operations of the American Tract Society here are believed to be carried on, more with a design to promote sectarian and antinomian bigotry than to spread that liberality and benevolence which are believed to be taught in the Gospel of Christ.

There are some other circumstances here that you should be made acquainted with. I saw a few days ago by accident a petition which was got up secretly making appliation to your Socy $200 to aid the Rev. James McLin. There are some facts connected with this affair that you should know. There is no one among us that has any desire to throw any thing in the way to prevent you from aiding our Presbytery in spreading the cause of Christ with your funds; but many of us do wish that the funds of the Society should not be misapplied. We want your aid very much, but we want it in such a way as to produce the largest possible amount of good in the instruction of our youths in Sabbath schools and in the promotion of the cause of Christ by preaching the gospel and otherwise. Brother McLin lives in the town of Cassville. He preaches every second Sabbath to the Cassville church. He formerly preached once a month to the church at Pinelog, but after neglecting them sometimes three months in succession he gave them up altogether without giving them any intimation of his design that I could hear of. He preaches once a month at Stampcreek or Ironworks church. Brother McLin is opposed to Sabbath Schools He gave his reasons to some of the brethren why he was opposed to them. He never could be perswaded to take any part in a Sabbath school or even put his foot into it since he came into the state of Georgia that I could hear of only once that he was perswaded to open the school with prayer. He never could be got to take any part in the temperance cause. He has a large family of children some of them fully grown all lounging about idle. He does not require them to attend the Sabbath school in his own town and if at any time one or more of them came to it the superintendent told me they were the most mischivous in the school. The Cassville church where Brother McLin preaches is a disorderly church which belongs to no Presbytery and will belong to none for fear of the exercise of discipline. One of the elders I have been told by some of the members is a common liar. Charges were brought against him. He withdrew from the church for fear of a trial. Only one elder remained, no session could be got, he then resumed his standing in the church without any more ceremony and has attached his name to the petition above alluded to. There are Other disorders such as Sabbathbreaking, obtaining money on false pretenses and barbarous treatment of slaves. To instance in one case the wife of the elder already alluded to and member of the church took a staff equal in size to a stout walking cane beat a female slave of about 70 years old in an unmerciful manner and laid on upwards of 200 blows rested awhile then resumed the same labour and laid on about 150 then rested and so on for about the space of 4 hours by this time the senses were nearly gone from the slave however after some time she staggered about and went into the woods where she lay in the open air 5 days and 5 nights. Some other Negroes fed her with bread to keep her alive For this conduct no discipline has been exercised. We are not abolitionists here. We see the evils of slavery and we intend to correct them as far as we can in accordance with the laws which we live under. Some of the pious members of the Cassville church told me they had it in contemplation to withdraw their membership and attach themselves to a church 10 or 12 miles off where discipline was exercised

Brother McLin had a large school in Cassville but he let it go down through carelessness and the want of discipline. He has a considerable amount of property in houses and lands, money on interist and four or five slaves. He separated a man and wife for no other reason only they were dark coloured and the civil law gave him the power over one of them that a master has over a slave. Some of us are more inclined to believe it would be better to exercise church discipline on him than to let him have any of the funds which are collected from the poor pious widows of the free states for the purpose of spreading the gospel of Christ. He never received a member into the church since he came into the state of Georgia. The only work that Brother McLin proposes to do in the Presbyterian Church in the character of a missionary is to preach once a month at Stampcreek church where Brother Wimpy preaches once a fortnigh And his servises here are of little amount for some of the members would as soon not see him there because he is opposed to their Sabbath school which consists of 163 schollars and teachers together. From the remarks which I have made you may see that I would consider it a perversion of the funds of the society to make the appropriation contemplated above.

A draft to the amount of what you conceive to be due to me will be acceptable as soon after you receive this letter as you may find it convenient. Please direct it to me to Wilkesboro Wilkes co. N. Carolina.

Yours &c. Joseph McFee.

[WIMPY]

Dahlonegah Oct. 21st 1846

Dear Brother

I send you an answer to your letter. What I am going to say to you I wish to be in confidence The reason we as a committee on missions cannot recommend brother McLinn to get aid from your Society.

First— He has property to the amount of $5.000 dollars worth, I am informed that he has eighteen hundred dollars lent on intrest.

Second— He has four slaves, and parted man and wife before he come to this state. We do not approve of such conduct in a minister *though we live in the South.*

Third— He has expressed himself in opposition to Sabbath schools; his own children do not attend the Sabbath school in Cassvill. he does not attend himself and has been entreated by his own people he would not attend; as to the Temperance cause he dose nothing for it.

Fourth. The church that he lives in at Cassvill is a disorderly church, it does not belong to any Presbytery either Old-School or New. One of his members beat a hired black women *very cruelly and almost killed her* and nothing was done with her in the church.

Fifth. If it was not for the assistance of other ministers in the places where he preaches his churches would go to nothing. He preaches good sermons *in this we are glad.*

Sixth— He taught School in Cassville and had a good School but for the want good government his School went to naught.

For these reasons we as a committee could not recommend him as a suitable man to receive aid from your society. Dear Brother If this not sufficient we can send you more reasons. Jesse Wimpy

Rev. Jesse Winfrey, Dahlonega, Ga
Oct. 21. 1846.— Relative to the Rev.
James McLin.—

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[Winfrey, Jesse]

[Presbyterian Church]
[Boyd D]

Ironworks Cass co. Ga. March 12. 1847.

To the executive Committee of the American H. M. Society;

Dear Brethren,

We the ruling elders of Pinelog and Stampcreek churches would respectfully lay before you our great want of the ordinances of the Gospel. We had formerly the occasional labours of Rev. Jesse Wimpy, Joseph McKee and James McLin. Br. Wimpy lives at such a great distance (60 miles) that we cannot expect his services. Br. McKee, in accordance with the views of the "committee of missions", has left the organized churches to be occupied by other ministerial brethren and is now labouring [illegible] the more destitute places in the bounds of the Presbytery. Brother McLin is in a delicate state of health and of course is unable to perform efficient ministerial labour. Campbell Boyd, a Licentiate from Union Presbytery, Ten. has been labouring among us for the last 2 or 3 months with a view to his settling permanently among us. He is a young man of unquestionably piety, respectable talents and efficient zeal in the cause of Christ. He is, in our opinion, adapted to supply the wants which we have felt for some time past. We therefore recommend him to you as a missionary for the churches above named.

Pinelog church consists of 16 members and the congregation averages 90 persons. There is one Methodist Episcopal Church of about 20 members, congregation about 25 or 30 persons. This church meets in the same house that we use. The Sabbath school which was organized here when the church was organized was discontinued for the want of ministerial attention. Brother Boyd is determined to resussitate it as soon as possible. We, the elders and members of Pinelog church propose to raise for Brother Boyd's support for one year from the date hereof $40 for half of his time.

Stampcreek church consists of 24 members the congregation averages 130 persons. There is no church within 10 miles except an Old School Presbyterian Church No. of members not certainly known, but supposed to be 20 and congregation of about 40 persons

We the elders and members of Stampcreek Church propose to raise for Br. Boyd for one year from the date hereof $ 45,00 We will feel much obliged to you if you will send Brother Boyd a commission and $ 150 [illegible] He is to give us the half of his time.

Please direct your communication to

Rev. Campbell Boyd
Ironworks
Cass co.
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A R Richardson } Elders of
J. A. Boston } Stampcreek
Church

John Millican }
Hugh Gaston } Elders of Pinelog church.
Mathew W. Thompson }

Brethren we cordially recommend Brother Boyd to get aid from your society. We believe the petition is correct and setforth according to the circumstances of the two churches

Jesse Winsey } Committee
D. H. Mason. } of Missions

Ga. Iron Works Georgia May 9. /47

Dear Brethren,

In my last report I promised to remit you the amount collected for the Home M. S. in Concord Church at our communion season. I have since thought it best to place it in the hands of brother Swift as I understand he has not yet received the amount of his commission. I will accordingly place it in his hands to be deducted out of his next quarterage. The sum is $3.10. Though it is small yet it is about one half more than I expected to raise. Taking every thing into consideration I call it ~~a~~ very liberal.

We had no manifestations of a violent kind as we some times see in this section, but there was evidently a good state of feeling among christians and seriousness among many sinners. I have good reasons to hope that my humble labors would be productive of [illegible] good in this field if I could remain here. But this to me is a doubtful matter at present. I cannot be supported without some aid from your Society. The churches will not be able to promise me as much as they did last year owing to the pressure of church building, and I fear some mem-

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Presb. Chs. Pine Log and Stamp Creek ~~[illegible]~~, Ga.
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Rev. Jesse Wimpy
& D. H. Mason.

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bers will not be able to pay up their last year's subscription soon for the same reason. They seem to have the will but not the means. They seem entirely unwilling to give me up, and would have forwarded a petition to you for aid ere this but for the failure of some to meet their promises. Under these circumstances I am much at a loss to know what to do. To remain here without any prospect of support would be injustice to myself and family, to leave them without a prospect of some supply is what I feel unwilling to do. So I will wait farther indications from Providence. I am content to be in straitened circumstances, if I can thereby honor God. And if I was convinced that it was God's will for me to remain here, and that this was the place where I could do most good I would be resigned, yea with a cheerful heart would I remain though I had to beg my bread.

Yours &c ever.

Campbell Boyd.

[BOYD, CAMPBELL]

Iron Works Cass Cty. Ga. Aug. 11th 1847

Rev. Mr. Hall.

Dear Brother,

When I made out my report I intimated that I would give you a few general facts which are of interest to our cause here.

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The first thing I mention is the subject of Slavery. It seems to me to present the strongest barrier to the progress of religion of any one thing in our country. Not only from the fact that it estranges the master and all concerned from that golden rule "Do unto others as you would have them do to you," but it bars up the windows of heaven and averts the blessings of God. How can it be expected that God will pour out his blessings upon a people or community who will bind down one portion of his rational creation in ignorance? It is against the laws of our state to learn the slave to read, and custom has gone farther than this, in some instances, and forbidden them, to some degree, religious instruction, by making no provisions for them at the house of God, and allowing not sufficient time to receive instruction &c. We are not authorized from the word of God to assure a people his blessing unless they do what is in their power for the enlightening of others, much less if they forbid others to be enlightened. Where is the consistency of crying out against Popery for keeping her subjects in ignorance and forbidding them to read the Bible, while we have under our own power those who are in the same condition? Where is the consistency of giving our money to enlighten the Chinese while we have heathen in our own houses? But the door is fast opening for both the moral and intellectual improvement of the slave. The South is destined in a few

Rev. Campbell's Boyd,
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years to be an important field for missionary labor. Much may now be done to correct opinions and usages on this subject by prudent and persevering efforts. Hence it is important for you to send the right kind of men to this field. I am persuaded that, instead of slavery being a reason why you should not aid ministers in the South; it is rather a reason why you should aid them. The darkness of heathenism will never be dispersed by enlightened people standing off and crying out against it; but let enlightened and devoted men go in among it and labor faithfully and pray fervently and the darkness will give way before them. So with slavery. Think not that I am dictating to you on this subject. I am simply expressing my views.

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The second obsticle in the way of our progress here, is the prejudice which exists against an educated ministry. This prejudice is very extensive, and the course pursued by other denominations is well calculated to increase it. On last Sabbath I witnessed a most unqualified ~~denunciation~~ declaration against the importance of an educated ministry by one of the most inteligent of the Methodist denomination. He maintained that it was necessary to have some ignorant illiterate men to get down to the illiterate. His words were, "While it is necessary to have a Paul with all his powers of mind and learning to enforce the truths of the gospel and defend the doctrines of christianity, it is also necessary to have a soothing voice to come down to the weak and ignorant." If Paul could not get down to the weak capacity, it was surely bad policy to send him to the benighted gentiles. The whole argument, however, was based upon the assumption that an educated man could not get down to the illiterate, which is any thing but true. I was reminded that the "priests lips should keep knowledge," and that the people should inquire "the law at his mouth".
After he was done a second arose and said, "There were some

people educated there sons for different stations. The [illegible] went for a lawyer. the next for a doctor, the next for a farmer, and the fourth, who was the bigest fool of all was to be the preacher." Again. "The economy of our church is admirably adapted to the wants of the country, the conference always acts with an eye to the inteligence of the community, and sends inteligent men to inteligent circuits, and illiterate men to illiterate circuits." He also told of a preacher who he said, was as ignorant as almost any body and he heard the presiding elder say just the other day that he had him in a place where he would not have a Solomon. I could but exclaim with the prophet "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge".
So this admirable economy seems to be to keep people in ignorance. or at least not to enlighten them.

The third item is a matter ~~which~~ I feel great delecacy in saying any thing about. It is the policy pursued by your itinerant missionary here. The churches he has organized have generally been made up of bad materials, and then left without any shepherd for months until many of them have run wild in the woods. And thus our cause has been materially injured. I am convinced that preaching once a month or once in three weeks will not do in this country. He is also destitute of prudence and chastity in conversation. It is a common thing for him to tell the most obscene and vulgar tales in the presence of the most refined ladies in the country. Such as a chaste man would blush to tell in any company, and such as a minister of the gospel ought never to tell. He has been severely admonished but has not reformed. I think my own character and standing as a minister demands of me to say what I have. I write these for the good of our cause. and not from any ill will I have at my brother. I esteem him as an able minister and we are on terms of entire friendship. But I deemed it my duty to apprize you of these facts as they concerned you.

They are for no one to know but yourselves. If you wish the statements confirmed or any further information inquire of brother Wimpy with whom I have often talked on this subject.

Yours in the bonds of christian affection,
Campbell Boyd.

Rev. Ch. Hall New York.

Rev. Campbell Boyd Jonesboro,
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N.B. The third item was written not to deprive our good brother (for I think he is a good man, but a little imprudent) of another commission if he should apply but that with the commission you should give him a sound admonition which I think he will mind. If he does not apply it is unnecessary to say any thing about it.

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[McKee, Rev. Joseph]

Postoffic address, Dahlonega Lumpkin co. Ga Feb. 27, 1847.

To Rev. Milton Badger D.D.

Dear Brother,

The following is my annual statistical report. I have [illegible] at a loss to know what report to make with regard to some of the particulars; the funds, for instance, which were collected for the A. H. M. Society have been reported and acknowledged in the Home Missionary for Nov. 1846. It occured to me that I ought not to report them again but on a ~~more~~ mature consideration of the subject I concluded that this report is to include all that occurred during the last twelve months therefore I include them as an item in this report. Another difficulty arose in my mind in relation to the sabbath schools. as I have given up several of the churches and S. Schools which I organized during the last two years to the care of two young bethren in the ministry who have lately come into this part of the country. I am now travelling in destitute parts of this presbytery for the purpose of organizing churches and sabbath schools as stated in my [illegible] last quarterly reports.

Field of labour — destitute places in the 13 new counties of Georgia	Post office address — Dahlonega Lumpkin county, Georgia	Hopeful conversions.	Added to the church by profes.	Added to the church by letter	Sabbath school scholars	Volumes in S. S. Library	Temperance subscribers	Churches organized.	Contributions to Home M. Society	Foreign Missionary Society	Bible Society	
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I do not think it necessary, in the present communication, to say much concerning my missionary labours as I intend to give you a full account of them in my third quarterly report which will be due on the 13th of April next. I would merely remark that two young brethren in the ministry, licentiates, one from Ohio and the other from Tennessee are now labouring with us within the bounds of our presbytery. Their design is to settle with us permanently if they can see any prospects of a worldly support. They appear to me to be well calculated to be useful and to do much good in this destitute region. They intend to unite with our presbytery so soon as they can obtain dismissions from their respective presbyteries. Our committee on missions are highly pleased with them and believe their labours will be productive of great good if they can be retained in this field of labour. The committee intend to apply to your society for some aid in their support as soon as they attach themselves to our presbytery.

I have not seen any acknowledgement in the Home Missionary either of my first or second quarterly reports. If they have been lost in the mail or failed in coming to your office please let me know it in your next communication to me at Dahlonega, Ga. and I will furnish you with the substance of them if you desire it; provided you have not received them.

Our presbytery is to meet at Dahlonega on the second Friday in April next. Rev. Mr Reid of whom I gave you some account last year has obtained a dismission from the presbytery of South Carolina with a design to join our presbytery. He has not yet been able to arrange his worldly affairs in South Carolina so as to move into the new country of Georgia but we expect he will before long.

Your's in the best of bonds &c

Joseph McKee

[McKee, Rev Joseph]

Post office address:— Dahlonega, Lumpkin co. Ga. April 12th 1847.

To Milton Badger D.D.

Dear Brother,

☞ Stat report recd no other. —

The time has arrived for me to send you my third quarterly report. As I cannot learn from any source that you have received any communication from me since the commencement of the present year I think it not improper to give you a concise outline of my labours up till the present time as I have retained copies of the reports already made. My commission is dated, July 13. 1846. postmark on the back Oct. 13. It arrived at Dahlonega, Nov. 7 I received intelligence of it Nov. 20. My first quarterly report was dated Nov. 25 including a period a little over four months from the date of the commission. During this quarter I preached a few times in a very immoral part of Forsythe county till I had the attention of the neighbourhood considerably attracted I then got Brother Wimpy to aid me in holding a protracted meeting which we held for three days; and the result was, 4 persons made a profession of religion and one man who had kept a grogshop or doggery as it is called here gave it up and became a strong temperance man. My second report was dated Jan. 12. and my annual statistical report at the end of Feb. and was mailed at the beginning of March as directed in the commission.

It was the wish of the committee on missions that I should give up the little churches already organized to the care of other ministers and continue another year to explore the destitute regions included within the bounds of the Chattahoochee Presbytery. With their desire on this subject I have complied. In this business I have been engaged since last year. At the last meeting of our Synod we succeeded

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in persuading two very promising young men to come and settle within our bounds. They are licentiates, Mr. Swift of Cincinnatti Presbytery, Ohio, and Mr. Boyd from Union Presbytery, Ten. Our committee on missions, purpose, after obtaining full satisfaction as to the piety, talents, and usefulness of these two brethren to make application to you for aid in their support. They are now, to some extent, supplying the churches that I organized during the last two years.

No 3 The Chattahoochee Presbytery, by a resolution, appointed me to correspond in person, at such time as I should find it most convenient, with a religious body in South Carolina called Independent Presbyterians to ascertain if they were inclined to unite with our Presbytery, &c. &c. and also to ascertain the nature and character of the missionary field in that region as we regard it as being included within the bounds of our Presbytery. As the time for the performance of this duty was left with myself I thought my missionary labours, in my present field, would be least interrupted by proceeding from the Synod to South Carolina as this would include a season of the year that little could be done in collecting congregations together in this part of the country. We had just sufficient time to travel from our last fall Presbytery to the Synod which met in Athens, Ten. on the second Wednesday in October last. From the Synod I went to South Carolina and found that I could not fully accomplish the object of my mission as I could not correspond with that body in its collective capacity till July next when they will meet in Convention. I remained in that part of the country 3 weeks which time was occupied chiefly in holding meetings in connexion with Rev. Henry Reid who has since become a member of our Presbytery

There is a wide field for missionary labour in this part of the country. There is great ignorance on the subject of religion and the doctrines of the gospel in general. The Old School here are generally antinomians and give but little encouragement either to Sabbath schools or temperance societies. The leading ones among them labour to prevent the circulation of religious Periodicals and to suppress all inquiry on religious subjects. Sectarian bigotry appears to include the whole of their religion. Rev. C. C. Jones published some years ago a Theological Question book for the oral instruction of the slaves which was admirably adapted to convey a knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel to the uninstructed mind; but, in the late editions of this work the theological sentiments are changed so as to

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favour antinomianism and
exhibit men rather as passive
objects of a merchantile transaction than
as moral accountable agents in a moral government. This change in Theology has produced a visible change for the worse in the activity and zeal of the community in relation to the instruction of the coloured population. Some Old School ruling elders carry on distillaries for the manufacture of ardent spirits, have no family prayer in their houses while the dust is one sixteenth of an inch deep on the lid of the Bible. One ruling elder (Ephraim E. Crenshaw) is caged up in the common jail in Yorkville for having criminal intercourse with another man's wife while he had her under the influence of Mesmerism. Presbyterianism appears to me to be dying away all over the State of South Carolina. The children of Presbyterian families are uniting with the Methodists and Baptists while the Presbyterian churches are almsost vacant on the

Sabbeath day. Such appears to me to be the true state of affairs in this part of the country. Since my return to Georgia I have travelled over the counties of Lumpkin, Forsythe, Gilmer, Cass & Murry. In general the prospects are brightening. Though, sometimes I am half inclined to think that iniquity is advancing as fast as religion and morals. There is every variety here that can be found in the world. In some cases the members in churches carry on tatling and talebearing till they burst the churches to pieces. There is a large amount of drunkenness, debauchery, sabbathbreaking, stabbing, shooting, dirking and killing carried on in this new country and sometimes I am afraid these crimes are rather increasing than diminishing.

Rev. Joseph McKee, Dahlonega,
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At the same time, it appears to me that there is a greater thirst for knowledge here than I ever saw before. There is a much greater desire for books than usual particularly the books published by the A. T. Society. Some of our Old School Brethren do not wish us to explain our doctrines to the community but seem to wish the people to be kept in ignorance and at the same time they misrepresent ~~both~~ us and our doctrine publicly and privately. Rev. Mr Safford, agent for the Bible Society, preached a controversial sermon against our doctrine, last fall, at a camp meeting in Dogwood valley Walker co. Ga. Of this I make no complaint. It is what I wish. Truth never loses anything by discussion. Inquiry is always excited by this means and good ultimately produced. Though this may not hold good in all countries it will in this one.

Your's respectfully &c. Joseph McKee.

Our Presbytery has just closed its spring sessions. We had a very pleasant and agreeable meeting. We had but little religious excitement throughout our bounds during the last six months. We expect better times during this summer. Rev. H. Reid of the South Carolina Presb. united with us by letter of dismission but was not able to arrange his worldly business so as to move to this part of the country. He is in the bounds of our Presbytery where he is but it is supposed that his field of usefulness is not so great as if he were in this part of Ga.

Your's in the best of bonds; Joseph McKee

It would be an accommodation to me if you would send me a draft as soon as it would suit your conveniance after receiving this report and direct to me at Dahlonega as I have found it necessary to change my postoffice address in consequence of Brothers Swift and Boyd occupying Cass county. Our mails have been greatly deranged during the last winter in this part of the country. Our letters and papers come exceedingly irregular and many of them are lost. The postoffices are badly managed here owing to robberies and the carelessness of postmasters I had about a dozen letters, pamphlets, and papers lost by the mail during the last winter. — — — — — — Joseph McKee

[McKee, Rev. Joseph]

Postoffice address — Dahlonega, Lumpkin co. Ga. July 28. 1847

To Rev Milton Badger. D.D.,

Georgia (Antique)

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Dear Brother,

I would have sent you my quarterly report before this time but I thought I would wait till after the close of a protracted meeting that Br. Murphy and myself were to hold at Sanderstown as I intended to take up a public collection at the meeting for the A. H. M. Society. We had the largest number of people in attendance on the Sabbath that had ever been at a religious meeting in that part of the country. But there was no excitement of any kind more than good and serious attention during the exercises that I could discover. I have seen nothing in all this part of the country of the nature of a revival of religion during the last three months. Though this is the true state of the case I believe there was some good done. Our congregations are considerably enlarged and there is a much greater anxiety than formerly for knowledge and a greater desire to purchase and read books than I ever saw here. The profane books which are published in N. York, the prices of which are advertised are purchased here with great avidity and transmitted through the U. S. Mail. It is to be regretted that the prices of religious and scientific books are not advertised in the public papers. Religious books are not purchased here half so readily as profane books not because the former are dearer for in many cases they are cheaper but because the people do not know

their voices. This one circumstance is a greater hin-
drance to the spread of useful books in this part of the
country than the Northern publishers are aware of. If
a man send for a book the price of which he does no
know he is in danger of being cheated. As an illustra
tion, I will mention one circumstance that came unde
my own observation: An elder of our church wished to
procure Rev. Mr. Barnes' Notes on Isaiah. He did not kno
the price of the work. He sent for it and the merchant
who procured it charged him $12 for it. Now, if the price had
been made known through the public papers he might
have obtained the work for half the money.

There are many and great obstacles in the way of religion
in this part of the country. The devil seems to stir up all his
agents to oppose the spread of religion wherever there is any prospect of
establishing it. There is a great deal of shooting, stabbing,
dirking and cutting with pocket and Bowie knives. An
~~I may say~~ all this work, I may say, springs from the ~~improper~~ use of
ardent spirits. A ~~Northern~~ man who at home had been restricted by
the license law has come and settled himself in one of
these new counties and ~~has~~ established a distillery on ~~an~~
~~exceedingly large~~ a magnificent scale and is doing the work of the devil
by wholesale. A disease of the stomach and bowels, supposed to
be the natural result of the wet summer has spread over the
country and ~~which has~~ proved fatal to the drunkards. One carpe
ter made 47 coffins in ~~four weeks and 2~~ thirty days; and the victi
I believe were all persons of intemperate habits. ~~This scourge~~
~~to the dramdrinker while~~ Few if any of good morals and temp
erate habits died of the disease, ~~certainly not one within the~~
~~compass of my knowledge.~~ (M.H.) Purgatory fees - what it costs to come out.

A great number of Irish catholics have settled in ~~Cass~~
and are likely to corrupt the morals of the community. I wil
mention one circumstance as a specimen of their relig
as it is ~~carried on~~ exhibited here. Two men died some time ago. On
of them was a great drunkard and swearer. He fell off the railro

bridge into the ~~[illegible]~~ river and by this means came to his end. The other died a ~~of~~ victim to a life of lasciviousness ~~of the bad disorder or the venereal disease is called here~~. Some weeks after this occured a Papish Priest was brought from a considerable distance to celebrate mass for the souls of the dead men. On his arrival he made strict inquiry in relation to the character of the men and the circumstances of their death. He then stated to the friends of the deceased that $5 would be sufficient to clear out of Purgatory the soul of the drunkard who fell from the bridge but it would require $30 to prepare the soul of the other man for heaven. ~~who died of the bad disorder~~. The money was all made up before he would say one prayer. Most of it ~~happened to be in good currenty [illegible]~~ ~~touch the notes. He~~ said he must have it all in ~~specie~~ of gold or silver. The specie was obtained ~~for the paper money~~ and the prayers said — an illustration of the religion that Rome gives her votaries. ~~of a member of the Presbyterian church. Antinomianism as pro-~~pagated by the Old School Presbyterians and the Hard Shell Baptists is doing much injury to the cause of Christ by promoting bigotry, sectarianism, fanatical zeal and exclusiveness and such a spirit as a man would have who was ready to go into a bull or bearfight. In this system morals and a change of heart are omitted. Believe the orthodox doctrines and support the party and you have the whole of it. Two or three Old School ministers from the Carolinas whose congregations went to desolation because the gospel of Christ was not preached to them at all are now in this country labouring publicly and privately but especially the latter, not to promote the conversion of sinners but antinomian bigotry and discord. Fortunately the people are better informed here than where those gentlemen came from which circumstance will render their labours comparatively harmless.

The neglect to educate the rising generation is an other hindrance to the spread of true religion. If any means could be devised to instruct the rising generation to read the bible in the course of 10 or 15 years things would wear quite another aspect in this country. Yours &c. Joseph McKee

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Rev. Joseph McKee, Dahlonega
Ga. ~~Aug~~ 1847. — Report

JUL 28 1847

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Milton Badger D.D.
Sect. A. H. M. Socie
Nassau Street
New York.

Purgatory fees—how much costs to contract ~~[illegible]~~ it

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The most promising place in my field of labour is a place in Cherokee county called Smithweeks. I preach here once a month and have about 200 of a congregation. There is no preaching within 5 miles by any denomination. They have got up a subscription paper with about $100 subscribed to build a church. One year ago there was a grog shop in this place. The owner of it gave it up as an immoral concern and is now a strong advocate for temperance and I believe his mind has undergone a saving change. The community generally are stirred up in some degree about their eternal state. I hope the Lord will pour out his Spirit on the inhabitants of this place and its vicinity so as to produce the conviction and conversion of many sinners.

The collection for the A. H. M. Society
taken up at Sanderstown is $4.06¼
Please deduct this from $37.50 which
is coming to me and the balance will
be $33.44 for which you will be so kind
as to send me a draft directed to Dahlonega for me
and oblige yours &c.

In the best of bonds

Joseph McKee

JUL 28 1847

[Swift, Rev. William]

Georgia. Antique

~~Cassville, Cass County, Georgia. Dec 25. 1847~~

N. H. Four Counties — Do they need missionary labor?

~~To the Rev Charles Hall, Sec. A. H. M. S.~~

Rev & Dear Sir,

My last report was made out the seventh of September, or should have been. Hence my present and second report which I now send you ought to have been ready and forwarded the seventh day of December. This delay has been occasioned by circumstances which I could not control.

I have no intelligence to communicate in this report of special interest. There is room however for encouragement. The congregations to whom I preach are pretty large (numerous) and attentive. Altho' I see but little visible fruit at present, I cannot but hope that some good has been done already, and that hereafter the good seed will spring up and bring forth a harvest to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

My field of labor is extensive com=prehending the four Counties of ~~Floyd, Cass, Gilmer, and Murray~~. In this field in which I am com=pelled to endure a great deal of exposure and bodily fatigue, there are two obstacles a=mong others to prevent the success of the Gospel.

There are very few suitable houses for public worship. Some of these are only log school houses, and so open as not always to shield the worshipper from the cold wind of winter. None of them are supplied with stoves. Hence, in the cold and freezing wether, of this season it is impossible to attend upon the public means of grace to much advantage, the hearers generally suffering as much from the cold as they would in the open air or sitting by the way side. Hence I find many individuals in almost every congregation more taken up in considering their present disagreable feelings, and looking ~~towards~~ for the close of the sermon, than in considering the truths of that sermon and looking to God for a blessing upon the means of grace. And yet they are for the most part so educated and accustomed to this kind of inconvenience and disagreable way of waiting upon God, that nothing hardly could induce them to render their places of public devotion comfortable, altho' in many cases they could easily afford it, and the expense would be trifling. Min. Lead.) The following is true of the people in more than one missionary field — & ~~of some~~, also ~~that are not~~ of some others.

Boug. Another obstacle to the success of the Gospel are the views and tastes of the people on the subject of preaching and ministerial qualifications. Many of them would prefer a bore illdigested, boisterous harangue, without method, premeditation, or propriety of language, to a discourse whose characteristics were entirely the reverse of these. Hence without powerful appeals to their imaginations* and passions* and *ears*, their attention can hardly be gained. Good wholesome truth, precisely adapted to their spiritual wants, and drawn from the Bible and christian experience, tho' presented in a manner ever so logical and clear, would be looked upon as uninteresting and dry, unless accompanied by a great flourish of tones and gestures. In a word, they do not wish to be taught, but entertained. They do not want truth for the *understanding*, but glowing pictures to delight the fancy. They do not wish for any thing to make them *think* but something to make them *feel*. They want something to admire in the preacher, and not something to mourn over in their own hearts. They do not wish to think, and reason, and remember, and do; but only to feel, and admire, and applaud, and forget.

~~The draft of $35.00, dated Nov 3d 1847, for my first quarter ending July 13th was duly received. A similar draft for my second quarter ending October 13th will be gratefully received as soon as it suits the convenience of the Society to send it~~

~~With respect & christian affection~~

~~Yours &c William Swift~~

Rev. William Swift, Cassville, Ga.
Dec. 23d/47. – Report.

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Rev Charles Hall
Sec. A. H. M. S.
No. 150 Nassau Str.
New York

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[Swift, Rev. William]

Cassville Cass Co. Ga. July 3d 1847

Rev Charles Hall.

I learn that every missionary of the American Home Missionary Society may upon application receive the Home Missionary a monthly publication of the Society gratuitously I will thank you therefore to have a copy of it forwarded to my Address

Wm Swift

Rev. Wm. Swift Cassville
Cass. Co Ga July 30 1847 Hold

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Rev Charles Hall
New York City
150 Nassau St.

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[Wimpy, Jesse]

Dahlonega Lumpkin co. Ga April
13th 1847

To ~~all~~ the Executive Committee of the A. H. M. S.

Dear Brethren

We would take this opportunity to lay before you the entire destitution of the christian ordinances in the following places. Kennedys schoolhouse Waffords settlement, Ooth-e-cho-l-gy valley in Cass county, Crossplains and Sugar Creek in Murray county. These places are of considerable importance. They are thickly settled and evince an anxious desire to hear the Gospel and there is a strong probability that after one year of missionary labor among them they will in part support a minister of the gospel among themselves. By an invitation from Brother McKee, and from us, William Swift a licentiate from Cincinnati has come into the bounds of this Presbytery with a view of settleing permanantly among us. We have recd satisfactory testimonials in relation to his moral character piety and usefulness. We have heard him preach. All the members of Presbytery have heard him, and it is the unanimous opinion among people and ~~[illegible]~~ ministers that he will be a useful man and that his labours are greatly needed in the bounds of this Pres-

We have not the [illegible] most distant idea that we can retain his Services in [illegible] this destitute region unless we receive a commission from you, for him as a missionary. Therefore it is for you to say whether those destitute places should be supplied with the gospel ordinances or not. We indulge [illegible] the hope that you will help us in our necessities as you have heretofore done.

It is our opinion that $140 is the least sum [illegible] that Brother Swift could go upon under the present circumstances. He has no promise of any thing, and but little expectation of any thing this year till the people undergo a little training in the way of duty. If any farther information is necessary in relation to Brother Swift or the field of labor we have designated for him, please drop a line or two to one of us at Dahlonega.

Brother Swift's address is Cassville
Cass Co.
Ga

Jesse Murphy
D. H. Mason.
Committee of Missions

Rev. Jesse Wimpy & D.H. Mason,
Dahlonega, Ga. April 13, 1847. –
In behalf of Presbytery solicit $140
aid in support of Rev. William
Swift to labor 12 mos. among the
destitute of their Presbytery. –

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Rev. Milton Badger D. D.
150 Nassau-Street,
New-York

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[Boyd, Rev. Campbell]

There is due me for the past quarter $37,50

I desire it as soon as possible. for I have to live here upon credit. Even have not enough to pay my postage.

I learn that you have some boxes of clothing designed for missionaries. It would be a peculiar favor to me ~~to~~ receive a few articles of serviceable wear. It would at least save me from going in debt for them without much prospect of paying. And should yo see proper to favor me with a few articles. I will mention such as I need worst.

A pair of Shoes or boots - No. 10. is the size I wear.
Summer Coat and pants. My size is 6^{ft} 2^{in} high spair made
Hat - - - - - - - - - . Size 7½ - - - - - - - -

Several other articles will not be amiss, but these I am obliged to have some way.

If you send a box direct by Charleston to the care of the Rail Road Agent. Augusta care of Mr. Stovall. Cartersvill. care of Cooper, Stroup & co.

Yours affectionately

C. Boyd-

[McKee, Rev. Joseph]

Dahlonega Lumpkin co. Ga. Jan. 22. 1848.

To Milton Badger D.D.

Dear Brother,

I received no communication from your office since I forwarded my last quarterly report for the year ending July 13. 1847. I requested Brother Mason to take any letter out of the Post office that might be directed to me during my attendance at the Synod in Tennessee. A letter arrived for me from N. York which he supposed contained a draft. He took it out of the office and redirected it to find me in Tennessee. But it was misdirected in some way that it never came to my hand. As I suppose the matter is recorded on your books you will please be so kind as to send me a duplicate directed to me, Ironworks Cass county, Georgia. Our Presbytery is to meet at this place on the third Thursday in March next at which time I will be there (if Providence permit) if not before that time

Yours in the best of bonds &c

Joseph McKee

Rev. Campbell Boyd —
Cass Co. Ga. June 12. 1840

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A part of this refund has
been sent to Rev.
Jesse Murphy Dahlon-
ego. Lumpkin Co. Ga.
at the request of the Miss.
Com. of the Bd. —

[Swift, William]

Shepard N.Y. [illegible] state of infancy

Cassville, Cass Co., Ga., Feby. 29th 1848

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Since the commencement of my labors as the Society's missionary, I have received for preaching in addition to the sum pledged in my commission only about $6. in cash and what would be equivalent to $7.00 besides. I have not kept any regular account; and may, therefore, have received a sum somewhat larger; yet the statement here made I know to be correct inasmuch as I can recollect distinctly all the particulars.

The people generally where I preach are yet in their infancy as to the obligations they are under to support the institutions of the Gospel. The general ~~sentiment~~ opinion seems to be, that every man who gives himself to the work of the ministry should

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To Milton Badger D.D.
Secretary American H. M. Society
150 Nassau street
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support himself and family by some secular employment, and then preach three or four times every week; in a profitable, interesting and zealous manner; without any reference *whatever* to any compensation for such labor. If he were to *assert* his claims, his right to any such assistance, his motives, and ministerial character and call, would be instantly called in question. Their minds are so deeply rooted in error on this subject, that they cannot possibly reconcile the professed desire of a minister for support with a real desire to be useful in his profession. They call it preaching for money; and then infer that preaching for money, and preaching for the glory of God at the same time, are incompatible and impossible the one with the other.

The people are likewise in their infancy as to their obligations in regard to Sabbath Schools. They appear to be almost blind to their importance and utility. Even when a school has been organized, a library procured, and a large number of scholars in attendance, it generally has to be abandoned in a short time for the want of teachers, or through a lack of self denial and perseverance in those who have given themselves to the good work. They are unaccustomed to the confinement of devoting a portion of their time every sabbath to this laudable and benevolent object. They feel, too, a strong desire to attend preaching and protracted meetings in other and distant neighborhoods, — a desire which they are unwilling and know not how to resist.

On the subject of temperance they have strong prejudices which it is almost impossible to overcome. Members of the church and even ministers of the Gospel will express their opposition to Temperance Societies, and will argue against them. Hence, in certain neighborhoods. I have felt that to discuss the subject at all, would be a successful method to deprive myself of a congregation, and thus of preventing many individuals from hearing any portion of the Gospel whatever. How far it is proper to regard such prejudices in order that the more important truths of Christianity may be communicated and heard, I am unable to decide.

My field of labor is extensive embracing some four or five counties. The most of my preaching points are destitute places where as yet no churches have been organized

In view of these things I am sorry to add that I have no statistical information to communicate that would be of any value to the Society. Had I been differently situated, if my brethren could have been with me, and we could have held seve protracted meetings at the different points whe have been laboring I feel persuaded that some would have been converted, children baptized, and churches organized.

Yours in the Gospel
Wm Swift

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Dr to Levi Rumsey & Co
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Rev. Wm Swift
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Rev. Charles Hall,
New York City
150 Nassau St.

4 or 5 Counties
Do they need
the Gospel and do
they need aid?

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[Mason, D. H.] [SWIFT]

Dahlonega Lumpkin Co. Ga. June 3d 1848

To Rev. Milton Badger

Dear Brother

We as a Committee on Missions of Chattahoochee Presbytery would wish you to send Brother William Swift another Commission for the next year to preach in our bounds. He has preached in our bounds [illegible] faithfully and we believe is doing good. We find it is the feeling of the people that he should continue to administer the means of grace to them. Brother W. Swifts commission will be out the seventh of this month. We cordially recommend to your Society Brother Swift, the smallest possible amount that he will need from you Society is one hundred and fifty dollars. We could not procure his services for this sum only for the expectation he has of receiving some aid from the people, for whome he is expected to labor. This new country is thinly settled but is almost daily increasing in the number of its inhabitants. A settled minister can do but little here yet owing to the scattered condition of the population. A traveling minister who will devote his whole time to the work can do much.

The mass of the community are strongly inclined to receive and hear the ministers of our denomination. We wish to meet this demand as far as we can and occupy the field that is now open before us.

All our hope under God is from your society. We confidently hope that you will see your way clear to renew Br. Swift's Commission.

Please direct Brother Swift's commission to the committee on Missions to Dahlonega Lumpkin Co. Ga

Yours with Respect.

Committee of Missions } Jesse Wimpy
D. H. Mason

The committee on Missions of this Pres. wish you to send Brother Campbell Boyd's report of his labors that he sent, I think some time last September an extract of his report was published in the H. Missionary Oct. 1847 on page 130. his people at the Iron Works charge him of making wrong statement about their Sabbath School.

Please to direct his report to Jesse Wimpy at Dahlonega Lum. Co Ga.

Jesse Wimpy

D. H. Mason

[Swift, Rev. William]

Cassville, Cass County, Georgia
August 31st 1848

Rev. Charles Hall

With grateful pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of a commission from your society (dated May 15th) authorizing me to act as your missionary for another year and to receive for my services $150.00.

In this first report of my labors for a second year which should have been forwarded on the 15th inst. I have it to say in general that through the great kindness of my Heavenly Father my health has been preserved, and that consequently I have been enabled to fill all my appointments, and to perform more ministerial labor on some occasions than prudence perhaps would have justified.

At a church belonging to our Presbytery, I recently attended a meeting of considerable interest. It commenced on Friday with a discourse from Brother Dr [illegible] Bose, but not under very encouraging circumstances. On Saturday the att=

The Chattahoochee
Pres. apply for $150.
renewed aid in support of Rev. Wm
Swift, to preach within
their bounds 12 m. from
May 13. 1840

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$140 Sent'd Jan

Rev. Milton Badger D. D.
No. 150 Nassau-Street
New-York

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endance was better. On the Sabbath the Sacrament was administered and the congregation was large. On Sabbath night there were some who appeared to be impressed. The indications were so encouraging that it was thought best to continue the meeting a day longer. On Tuesday evening the anxious were invited forward. Twenty or more presented themselves many of whom seemed deeply concerned as their tears and sobs abundantly testified. The members of the church were so affected that all ceased singing I believe except myself. Some of the impenitent who remained upon their seats were unable to conceal their feelings. The people of God were taken by surprise. They were astonished. They were joyful. They were humbled. God had suddenly come to his temple. It was a solemn time. It will be long remembered.

The meeting was protracted from day to day until the next Thursday night when eleven persons, nine females and two males professed to have hope in Christ. It cannot be doubted that it was a season of refreshing from on high. The preaching, the tones and expressions that were employed. the clear and earnest and faithful and solemn exhibition of truth. the humility and fervency of the prayers: in short there was much in all the exercises to rejoice the pious heart, and cause it to exclaim, 'Surely God is in this place', Surely this is none other than the house of God and the gate of Heaven; 'Surely this is a genuine revival of religion'.

On one occasion the members of the church came forward and covenanted together to intercede at a throne of grace for those who were earnestly inquiring what they should do to be saved that they might find Christ precious to their souls. After the last verse of the hymn had been sung one of the elders of the church was called on to lead our devotions. We all bowed around that consecrated spot. The voice of prayer was once more heard not only upon Earth but I trust in Heaven. For so strong was the desire, so great was the burden on the Brother's heart when he came to the specific object of our petition and said point them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world that his tears flowed, his voice was choked, he wept aloud, he could not proceed. He was past the power of speech but helped by God he was not past the power of prayer He had not the outward form and utterance. He had what was infinitely better - the internal wrestling, the agonizing spirit. With such sacrifices

God is well pleased. "When Zion travaileth she shall bring forth." This significant tho' metaphorical language was true when uttered by the Prophet; it is true now; and so it will continue to be while there are sinners to be saved or a God to be glorified.

One of the converts on going home to his pious [illegible] told her the tears streaming down his cheeks, that he would not part with the peace and satisfaction he felt for the whole world. Never before could he have believed, he said, that there was such happiness in the christian's heart.

The draft dated July 28th 1848 for $11.90 the amount due me the 13th May has been received. Another for $57.50 the amount due the 13th of August is now desired.

Yours with christian affection

Wm Swift

Rev. Wm Swift,
Cassville, Cass Co. Ga.
Report Aug. 30. '48

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Due, $37.50

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[Swift, Rev. William]

Cassville Cass Co. Ga.
June 21st 1848

Rev. Charles Hall,
Sec. A. H. M. S.

Dr. Br.

I send you in the present communication my fourth quarterly report. It was done on the 11th inst, and would have been then forwarded, but a protracted meeting which I was compelled to conduct almost without any assistance prevented. The congregations, however, were large and attentive considering the unfavorableness of the weather. On the sabbath, there was, I thought, some feeling on the part of the impenitent and a good deal on the part of professing christians. —

In respect to my field of labor, during the last three months, I have very little to report, that is favorable. This, when I recollect the enterprise and efficiency of the Home Missionary Society, the high expectations, with which it naturally looks to its beneficiaries, the confidence it reposes in them, and of the numerous and favorable reports it is continually receiving from them, cannot but mortify and grieve me. Yet there is some encouragement for me in the fact that the people attend upon the ministrations of divine truth. I cannot but hope that the attention and respect which they give to things of everlasting importance will ripen into love and affection, and be made, in the hands of the great Head of the church, the means of their genuine conversion and ultimate salvation. The natural husbandman waiteth for the early and latter rain. He that soweth the good seed should do the same. Oh that God would rain down righteousness, and make this barren waste to bud and blossom, and become, as it were, the garden of the Lord.

My commission is dated April 13th 1847 and promises $140, for one year's labor. Three drafts each for $35, have been received. The last was dated March 24th. In connection with it there were a few words from Br. Benedict and Jno. D. E. Jones. He makes a slight mistake, he says "I am happy to send you Dft. to day for $35, covering the amt. due you on the 13th Feby." It should have been the 13 Jan. On the 13th of April therefore there were due me $35,00. The contribution from my field of labor to the Home Missionary Society for the last year is $20,00. Br. C. Boyd took up a collection at the Pine Log & Concord church for the H.M.S. The amount was $3.10

which he promises to pay over to me. You will therefore acknowledge the receipt of these two several sums, and make a deduction of $23.10 from the $35,00 now due me, and as soon as it suits the convenience of your Society send me a draft for the balance which will be $11.90.

I have agreeably to the wishes of the committee on Missions in this Presbytery consented to take a commission for another year which I suppose they have applied for or soon will. But whether they are successful or not in their application I close my present report with the most grateful acknowledgements to the Society for the aid it has so promptly and cheerfully rendered me in publishing the Gospel. May that Gospel thro' the ~~Divine~~ blessing on the operations and agents of that Society become the power of God unto salvation to thousands who dwell in the destitute regions of "our land

Yours in the Gospel
Wm Swift
Cassville, [redacted]
Cass Co.
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Cass Co. Ga. June 21. 1838
Rev. Wm Swift, Cassville

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Rev. Charles Hall
Office of the A. H. M. S.
No 150 Nassau street
New York

Rev.d Wm Swift, Cassville,
Cass Co. Ga. June 21. '48
Report

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Due $11.90

[Swift, Rev. William]

Cassville, Cass Co. Ga. Dec. 20th 1848

Rev. Milton Bridges,

Dear Brother,

My second report for the present year was due Nov. 15th. It would have been forwarded long before this had not a severe spell of sickness and other providential circumstances prevented.

Since my last report on the thirteenth of August I have, in my labors as your missionary, met with a little opposition of which it may not be amiss to give some account. The spirit of error is at work in Georgia as well as in the far West, tho' not, I presume, to the same extent, nor in the same strength. It is true, that in this part of the State there are no regularly organized churches which adopt the creed of the Universalians; yet individuals of that faith are frequently to be met with, and their opposition to the truth is sometimes violent. Recently, whilst a Presbyterian Brother was delivering a discourse from his own pulpit, one of these persons had the insolence to declare repeatedly, in an audible manner so as to be heard by the whole congregation, that what the Preacher had said was a falsehood.

Universalism however is not the only form of error amongst us. There is the bewitching, and perhaps not less dangerous delusion of Campbellism. That Campbellism and Universalism are indeed and in ~~truth~~ the [illegible] of [illegible] is evident from the fact that the chief instrumentality employed by them for the promulgation and success of their system is water alone public and private, in the pulpit and elsewhere, they seize every opportunity for controversy, as if strife and angry debate were the only means which could, according to the design of God, be employed for the spiritual welfare of fallen man. They are always ready to attack, and they are not scrupulous about the manner; an evangelical ministry, and evangelical truth and whatever may be considered as falling under the name of orthodoxy, or as having any relation to confessions of faith, even tho' those confessions were written with the blood of Martyrs, and that orthodoxy were the dying testimony of men whose lives were bright illustrations of every christian virtue, and little less than the history of thousands reclaimed from vice and degradation, & made the happy recipients of future blessedness and glory.

Not long since I had an engagement to preach in the open air. I arrived at the spot greatly exhausted from the previous labors of riding and of preaching at a protracted meeting. Of this I thought proper to apprize the congregation, as well as of the little preparation it had been in my power to make for the duties of the hour which had now arrived. My resolution however was formed. I had heard that in this community there was a preacher who was regarded by many of his neighbors as holding the errors of Campbellism. I thought this might be so. I did not know it. Neither was I very well versed in Alexander Campbell's theology. The truth was important, and lest the people should be led astray by false teaching, I thought it my duty, and even felt anxious to state what *was* and what was *not* evangelical faith, and therefore took for my text these words, "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without *works* is dead also."

I maintained that justification by faith was a fundamental doctrine insisted on by Martin Luther was mainly distinguished from his opponents; that faith was either historical or evangelical; that all men possessed of the former who felt no disposition to deny the prominent facts of Scripture history, such as the creation of the world, and the incarnation, divinity, sufferings, death and ascension of Christ; that historical implied evangelical faith but was not the same; that the latter had its seat and origin in the heart and affections, and was contemporaneous with, if not subsequent to regeneration; that it certainly would, and actually did produce godly sorrow for sin, & love to holiness and obedience to the Divine law in all its forms; that where these effects did not follow or did not exist, the evidence of such faith was gone; that altho' it would lead men to submit to the outward ordinances of religion, it was a delusion of the Devil to suppose that all good works consisted in a historical faith and baptism by immersion; that being baptized in this or any other mode, so far from being a good work and beneficial, would be a dead work and highly injurious, unless preceded by the new birth and flowing from a principle of holy love.

These were the prominent positions of the discourse, and in regard to which I felt myself to be standing on solid ground; and therefore I expressed myself in strong language. I even warned the people not to receive any other Gospel on peril of their eternal salvation. Not a word was said of Campbellism or his followers. The sermon did not consist of any personalities [illegible] the simple and only aim was gospel and essential truths and the doctrines on which it rested. Yet the Preacher above

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allowed to him and addressed the audience in opposition to the discourse. His address was replied to. He addressed the congregation a second time. Again I responded. He spoke a third time. Thinking the debate unprofitable I did not make a third reply but simply dismissed the people.

In his replies this gentleman accused me of misrepresenting Alexander Campbell and himself when I had said nothing of either; he said the doctrines of the discourse were false and the [illegible] perverted; that faith was historical merely and not evangelical also; that orthodoxy had no effect upon a man's conduct; that creeds & confessions had been only injurious and not at all beneficial to the cau of truth &c. Such an assault was wholly unexpected & unprepared for, and had never been made upon me bef My Master however did not forsake me. He gave me wisdom and utterance. I was not thrown off my guard. I never more self-possessed.

After the Debate was over I was rejoiced to find that my christian friends flocked around me and greeted me with unusual cordiality. Even men of the world, and who were apparently the friends of this gentleman expressed their convictions that instead of strengthening his influence in that community by this unprovoked and ungentlemanly attack he had weakened it.

The draft for 37,50 the amt. due me the 1st Aug. has come to hand. Having lost the letter in which it was sent I cannot speak with certainty but think it was dated in November. A similar dft. for the amt. due me the 1st Nov. will be thankfully received as soon as it can be accommodated without inconvenience to the Society.

With christian respect,

Wm Swift

Rev. Wm Swift
Cassville, Cass Co. Ga.
Report Dec. 20-48.
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[Wimpy, Jesse]

Iron Works Ga. June 16th 1848.

To the A. H. M. Society.

Dear Bretheren.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to you for the labors of the Rev. C. Boyd dureing the past year, which ended the 12" of March last. Brother Boyd has laboured faithfully among us and we trust to the furtherance of Christs Cause and the Spiritual edification of many.

We much desire his laborers the present year without which we will be left entirely destitute and which we can not expect without further aid from your society. We there fore unite in humbly asking your Society for $150 for his Support. by which you will much grattify your petitioners and advance the Cause of ~~Christ~~ Religion among us. Stamp Creek Church pledges $45 for his support. Regular atendants on public worship 100 or more. Communicants 26. nearest permanint contiguous congrigation 4 miles (Methodists). Concord (formely Pine Log) pledges $25. Regular atendants on public worship 100 or the rise. Communicants 18 nearest contiguous Congrigation 2½ miles) Baptist(.

Elders Concord	Elders Stamp Creek
M. M. Douglass	A R Richards
Hugh Gaston	J. A. Boston

The two Churches, Stamp Creek and Concord, have fully met their made to you for my support, which they have done with much effort on the part of some.

C. Boyd.

Brother Badger

I send you a petition from Stamp-Creek and Concord Churches wishing aid for Brother C. Boyd this year; it is the opinion of the committe that the churches ask 50 dollars too much from your society. Brother Boyd's family are small and can do with less money We as a committe think the Brother to be a superficial Missionary for this part of the country we think he is not as active in his labors for the Lord as he ought to be. At our last presbytery it was with much difficulty he was ordained. I expect Brother J. McKee is

at or in your city at this time I would be glad
you would talk to him on the subject of
granting brother Boyd another commission
you can get some facts from him that you
all ought to know something of, If you do
not see Brother McKee, we think that brother
Boyd ought not to have more than 75 or 100 dollars this year
we give this as our opinion. Brother Mason
is not able to sign his own name to this
petition, he is not able to talk but little,
it is thought he will not live but a few
days   Your Brother in Christ

Jesse Kinsey

Pres. Chhs. Stamp Creek & Concord, Cass Co. Ga. apply for $150 renewed aid in support of Rev. C. Boyd, 12 mo. from March 12. '48

~~Recom~~d Come on Missions recommend $75. or $100. to be appropriated.

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Rev. Milton Badger D. D.
No. 150 Nassau Street
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[Brown, William B.]

Springplace Murry Co. Georgia Dec. 4th 1849.

Rev Milton Badger D.D.

Dr Br.

I now set down to report to you my miſsionary labors for the last five months. I commenced to attend a series of sacramental meetings in September last and was at *nine* upon nine succeſsive sabbaths; which occupied my whole time, pretty much, until the latter part of Nov. During the time I attended the meetings of my Presbytery and Synod. I have not witneſsed any *special* outpouring of the Spirit or ingathering of souls But some have been added to the church. The cause of Temperance is on the advance I think. The last five months I have rode somewhere about a thousand miles: and although I have been in the bounds of my field of labor most of the time I have been with my family very little.

Before the close of the quarter ending with September I found (as I believed) it would be best for me to leave Chattanooga Ten. The cause was some divisions & difficulties in the church there, over which I had no control, and for which I was charged by any one. I was advised by my Brethren in the ministry to leave there. At the meeting of our Synod this last October it was resolved to attempt something more for H. Miſsions than we had been doing. Br. L. R. Morrison was appointed our Agent to visit all the churches in the bounds of the Synod; preach on the subject and take up collections for that object. I was earnestly solicited to come into this -

field, a pretty valley of land, and thickly settled; extending from Ocoa River in Polk Co. Tenn. to this place, about thirty miles. There is no Presbyterian Minister in either of these counties. There is a church at this place, of nine members. I have just moved here and commenced my labors with this month. I was not at home at the commencement of this quarter, and thought I had better wait until I determined my location so that I could tell you where to direct your letter. There is due me then $41.66 (forty one dollars and sixty six cents) for which I will be glad to receive a draft from you.

I am yours sincerely,

Wm B. Brown.

P. S. Please direct to Springplace Murry Co. Ga.

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Rev Milton Badger, D.D.

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Rev. W. B. Brown,
Spring Place, Murry Co. Ga.
Report Dec. 4. 1849

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[Swift, Revd William]

Cassville, Cass County,
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Rev. Milton Badger Sec A. H. M. S.
Dear Brother

The third report for my present year is now due. I regret that it must necessarily be so brief. In the field of my operations from the commencement of November to the commencement of March the weather is so cold and stormy and the meeting houses so open and uncomfortable that the preaching is for the most part thinly attended, and generally very little visible good is accomplished.

My labors have since my last report been uninterrupted by ill health so that all my appointments have been filled without failure in a single instance.

A church consisting of 9 members and a Sabbath School which promises to be flourishing have both been organized at Ellijay Gilmer Co.

Brother Boyd who was with us last year has left our bounds, and the two churches which were left vacant by this event have since that time shared the half of my labors. They appear anxious that my whole time should be given them. My entire labors are also desired by two churches in Gilmer Co to each of which I have endeavored to give a fourth of my time. If therefore it were in my power to give my ministerial labors to different and widely separated communities at the same time I might in that case fill up the openings which seem to call for my services

The draft due me Nov 13th/48 was received Jan 27th/49. If the Society could without too much inconvenience to themselves forward my next draft* immediately or at least with less delay than usual it would relieve me of much perplexity & be a very great accommodation

Yours in the Gospel

William Swift

* The amount due me feb 13th is $37,50

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Rev. Milton Badger Sec. A.H.M.S.
No. 150 Nassau Street
New York

Rev. Wm Swift,
Casville, Cass Co. Ga.
Report Feb. 13. '49

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[Nimmons, Jesse]
[SWIFT]

Georgia Cass Co Ironwork
April 26th 1849

It becomes my duty as a committee of missions of Chattahoochee Pres., to inform you that Brother William Swift left the Presbyterian church last week and gone to the O. School church, and has created disorders in our churches belonging to the Chattahoochee Pres. The Members of our body are much displeased ~~th~~ with him.

I think it would be improper for him to get any more money to aid him whiledoing wrong. The reason that I give this to you, some few times last winter I found that Brother Swift did not preached in the places designated in his commission and told him of it and he become offended.

Your brother in the Lord

Jesse Nimm.s

Rev. Jesse Wimpy
Ga. Cass Co. Ironworks.
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Respecting Mr. [illegible],

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Rev. Milton Badger D. D.
150 Nassau-Street
New York

[Elders]-[BROWN]

Spring Place Ga. January 1st 1850

To the Secretary of the A.H.M. Society

Dear Sirs—

The Presbyterian Church of this Place was organized in August last, & consists of nine Members. The Methodist & Baptist denominations both have organized Churches in this place of some 50 members each. Generally the people attend Church pretty well. We have been very desirous to have a minister to break to us the bread of life, & rejoice that we have at length succeeded. We have induced the Rev. Wm. B. Brown, formerly of Chattanooga, Tenn., (& a missionary of your Society) to settle in this place. Mr. Brown has been with us for some weeks, & we hope, & have every reason to believe, that we will be greatly benefitted by his labors. We find in him, not only a good & orderly Preacher, but a gentleman—a scholar & good citizen. We wish to raise a Salary of $250, which we think is as little as will support his family. — We have four Male Members, & we promised to pay Mr. Brown $100. We ask your Society to aid us by granting a commission to $150.

We have a vast territory in this County that is destitute of Presbyterian Ministers, & Presbyterians have been forced to ~~[illegible]~~ to join other Denominations, or grope their way in darkness without the benign influence of the Church. — Mr. Brown proposes to spend half his time here & divide his other labors with other destitute places within the scope of his field of service. — Ours is a County which has but just commenced to improve — daily improving in wealth & citizens, — hence the importance of establishing Presbyterian Churches, which will grow up & increase in strength with the increase of our population. We think under these circumstances we can appeal boldly to your Society for aid, & confidently rely on a favorable response. — We are but a hand full, & all poor, but have subscribed to Mr. Brown as liberally as our circumstances would permit. — — — In as much as Mr. Brown has been heretofore but a ~~member~~ missionary of your Society, we deem it unnecessary to furnish the certificates of ministry that might under other circumstances be necessary; — & there are no other Ministers present. —

We hope to hear from you soon.—

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servts.

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Rev. Chas. Hall
Secty A. H. M. S. } 150 Nassau St.
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The Pres. Ch. of Spring
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[Brown, Rev. W. B.]

Spring Place, Ga. Feb. 13th 1850.

Rev. Chas. Hall Secy. A. H. M. S.

Dr. Sir

Yours of the 28th Jan. has been rec'd. The inquiries you make are natural & proper I am grattified that you made them; — for first — they show the exactness of the committee in discharge of their duty; and secondly they afford me the opportunity of vindicating my own conduct. You wish to know 1st Why I left Chattanooga? & 2nd Why I came to Spring Place?

You may remember I told you, some time since, that I thought Chattanooga could, and should, after last year, support their Minister themselves. My year there ended with May, & commenced with June. Last June no subscription was taken up for me. I was living two & a half miles from town, in a cabin; and some time in the latter part of the summer, a gentleman, of Chattanooga, not a member of any church, proposed to some members of the church to have me moved back to town; & proposed to give me a lot worth $200. for $100. and that he would pay as much on that $100 as any member of the church. So I was sent for to select the lot — I did so; and a member of the church offered to furnish lumber, and an other build me a house. I was greatly grattified with the prospect. In a few days, however, I learned, to my astonishment, that a part of the church were opposed to my being settled there. The subject was agitated, and soon there was quite a contention. After a few weeks I called the members of the church together & asked them "What I had done?" Told them if I had erred I hoped & expected them to show me wherein. No one replyed. The church had meetings themselves, but still there could be no agreement.

I went to Father Pearson (Rev A. Pearson D.D.) and laid the case before him and asked his advice. He advised me to have a subscription, for my support, raised; and if they did not subscribe liberally ~~for my su~~ he thought I ought, "*without bringing a railing accusation, quietly* to leave them." This was tryed & faild a part, and a few of the ablest members of the church, refusing without giving their reasons. My own belief is they felt I was "*not* large" enough for the prospects of Chattanooga. I appointed a sacramental meeting, and sent for Brs. Wallace & Boyd to see if they could help us. They tried and failed = and told me they thought I had better leave, and let the church get some one else. Under these circumstances I felt it to be my *duty* to leave: and a *painful* duty it was I aſsure you.

I had labored there under great difficulties, - was attached to the place and the people - and being naturally averse to exchanging - homes & friends, I was very desirous to remain there. I had, & still have there some devoted friends. After I had made known my intention to leave, a Physician of the place, not a member of any Ch told me I might rest aſsured the opposition was all in the church, Another non-profeſsor told a member of the Seſsion he would pay for my support $25. a year, himself, and be security for $25 more in his neighborhood - he lived 7 miles from town: another man, in town, not a *proffeſsor* offered to pay $20. a year. Before I left the one living in the country gave me $20.

I think that church very well able now to support a Minister The cars are now running regularly to that place — the population is increasing — several Presbyterian families have moved in this winter. When I was there last, in Dec., they told me they were tryin to get a minister; but some of them expreſsed great fears that they would not unite on any one; for said they "Some of us want a plain man and some want a highflyer."

Last spring this people sent for some members of our Presbytery to organize a church at this place. Brs Wallace & Boyd came and thro' their influence, & the solicitations of this people, I came here. I was greatly grieved, & I trust humbled at my treatment at Chatt. & thought I would teach for my support here & preach what I could. I found, when I came to this region, that there were some presbyterians scattered up and down this valley, who desire to have preaching — 24 miles above this, in Polk Co. Tenn. is the little church of St. John's, to which I was urged to preach once a month. 11 miles south of this lives an Elder of this church, in a neighborhood almost entirely destitute of preaching — 3 miles east lives another Elder, in the same sort of neighborhood both communities desiring to have preaching — 15 miles west is some three or four Presbyterian families, intimate acquaintances of my early youth very desirous to have me preach to them as often as poſsible. I knew if I went into a school, I could not preach much to these scattered places — & therefore I agreed to have the church apply for some aid from The Society.

I have written to Rev B. Wallace Soddy Hamilton Co. Tenn. & Rev C. Boyd Cleveland Ten. to write you on this subject: and also to Capt. Wm Smith Chattanooga Tenn.

I hope they will be able to satisfy the committee. If you should send me a commiſsion, I will take it for evidence that they are satisfied with my course.

I am yours, as ever, Wm. B. Brown

P. S. I recd., a short time since, the Barrel you sent me. It contained $25. worth of plain substantial clothing - and some 18 vols. of Books, mostly second-handed. The Barrel had been wet and was considerably injured - particularly the Books. I paid $4.08 carriage. We are truly grateful to the kind donors, for this Barrel. It found us very needy, and greatly relieved us. We hope these kind friends of the great cause will *feel* the truth of "It is more bleſsed to give than to receive." Wm. B. B.

Feb. 19th. As I have just recd. a statement from some members of the Chattanooga church, I inclose it to you; and I think it will aſsist you in understanding the case in hand. In relation to it I would say, I did not ask for a certificate of *character*, but of the cause of my leaving that church. And I may add, I still think that *people ought*, and *could*, *with but little selfdenial*, support an economical Minister with his family.

Please inclose this certificate to me in your next communication.

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Rev. W. B. Brown
Spring Place Ga.
Feb. 13. 1850. Relates
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Spring Place Feb. 19th 1850.

Secretaries A. H. M. S.

Dr Sirs,

I will introduce to you Mr A. S. Harnagin, an Elder of the Presbyterian ch. at Spring Place Ga. to whom I refer you for any information you may wish in relation to this Church & section of Country.

Respectfully Yours

Wm B. Brown

Judsons Hotel

Dinner 1/2 past 1—

Secretaries A. H. M. Society
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Nassau St.
New York

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[BROWN]

Soddy March 6th 1854

Brother Hall, I am a member of Kingston Presbytery. I live in Hamilton County nineteen mils from Chattanooga; I asted in organizing the Church at Chattanooga; and the church at Springplace Georgia. And I am also acquainted with all the circumstancis of Brother Browns removal from the former place to the latter and I do most heartily approve of the same; and I can most heartly recommend brother Brown; as being worthy the patronage of your Society. and Springplace deserves "the attention" of your Society; there is a wide opening around Springplace for the labors of a Minister.

Dr Abel Pearson the oldest member of our Presbytery; "and" now residing in this County. and being some what acquainted the circumstances of Brother Browns removal, wishes me to say to you for him that he thinks brother Brown done exactly rite. Yours truly in the gosplel

Benj. Wallace

To Rev. C. Hall

Rev. Benjamin Wallace
Soddy. Ga. March 5th
1850 — Respecting the removal of Rev. W. B. Brown
from Chattanooga to Spring
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Rev Charles Hall
Secty. A. H. M. S.
150 Nassau Strt
New York

[Brown, Rev. William]

Spring Place Murray Co. Ga. April 15th 1850.

Sects A. H. M. S.

Dr. Sirs,

My Commission for the present year was duly received: and this is my report for the qr. ending with March. I am truly rejoiced that you were satisfied for me to occupy this needy field; and I would be still more rejoiced if I could get my support without your aid. I am in the midst of a great moral waste. I found here no Sabbath School – no meeting for prayer – very few religious Books or News Papers – much intemperance & Sabbath desecration, and a great deal of profanity. Ministers there are, here, to be sure, but they are generally very illiterate; and command very little respect. Yesterday I was sent for to attend the funeral of a child – the Parents not religious, – I tried to preach from 2 Saml. 12:23. I trust the occasion was improved. One old man of intelligence said it was the only *Sermon* he had heard in Spring Place. I hope he will now attend church, more than he has heretofore.

The weather during the winter & Spring thus far, has been very bad, and I have not had a fair test of the disposition of this people to attend church. I look for better things as spring opens. I have just returned from my Presbytery, which met near one hundred miles from this. We had quite an interesting session. The Presbytery (of Kingston) resolved itself into a H. Miss. Soc. auxiliary to the A. H. M. S. and elected Rev J. S. Robinson of Athens Tenn. Corresponding Secretary. I hope for good results from this effort. Our Synod (of Tennessee) will have an Agent (Rev L. R. Morrison) Traveling in our bounds this Spring and Summer, to lecture on the subject of H. Miſsions, & solicit funds for its objects. These movements met with opposition both in the Synod and the Presbytery, but it was overruled.

I feel more & more the importance of H. Miſsions. You are indeed doing a great work. May God strengthen & encourage you more & more, I suppose there is now due me for the last quarter thirty seven dollars & fifty cents $37,50. for which I will be pleased to have a draft as suit your convenience. Please retain fifty cents for the H. Miſsionary, & send it to me regularly; I only get a No. occasionally.

With due regard I am &c

Wm B. Brown

Spring Place Ga
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Revd C. Hall, Secty. A.H.M.S.
150 Nassau Street
New York.

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Rev. Mr B. Brown
Spring Place, Ga
April 13. 1850

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[Brown, Rev. William]

Spring Place. Murry Co. Ga July 1st 1850.

Secretaries A. H. M. S.

Rev & Dear Sirs,

Again in the kind providence of God I am permitted to render my report of the labors of another three months. Our Spring meetings are over, and nothing very special is the result. My own health has been tolerably good, but my family have been considerably afflicted. Our youngest son has been sick for the last month. Twice I have left home for distant appointments, not knowing that I should see him when I returned. He is now better, but I think it doubtful whether he gets well. I find many discouragements in this field. Intemperance, profanity & sabbath breaking prevail to a very great extent. There are three groceries in the town, to which, I am sorry to say, most of the young men of the place resort daily. The sons of Temperance have a considerable Division here, but there are a great number of drunkards still. While my labors seem to be appreciated by some; there are many who care for none of these things. With the mass here a Minister is no more than any one else; and I do not wonder at it, for those who are Ministers are men of little intelligence, and not much more character. On last sabbath I listened to one a Baptist, whose discourse was anything else but correct, appropriate or intelligent. A considerable part of it I could not understand it all. He told us that the parable of the man whose ground bro't forth plentifully, was intended to illustrate the stony-ground, thorny-ground, & the wayside-hearers of the parable of the sower; and exhorted us to live so that we could say like Abraham "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle &c" (Paul to the Cor.)

This same preacher a short time since, was a candidate for Bailiff in this district, and came into town on a public day, went to a grocery called for some whisky, went out on the porch and called aloud for "Every body to come and drink": and yet he is a minister in good standing in the Baptist Church. I learned this since I heard him — I wont say preach. The Campbellites have lately come into this region. One held forth for us a few nights ago. He seemed to pity us, as being destitute of the *true Gospel*; and told us if we would listen to him, he would explain the plan of salvation to us. Eleven miles before this there is a house built for a school house, and a preaching place for all "good men", (the neighbors say) The Baptists peach there regularly, & the Campbellite made an appointment or two, when he & the Baptist preacher disagre in some way, they commenced quarling, & the people folowed their example until they broke up in a row: The Baptists locked the door against the others - all on sabbath. I am satisfied that it will require time for me to have that character & influence here which a Minister ought to have. Amid all these discouragements I find some favorable tokens. I find some who appreciate the truth told in a plain simple manner, without an affectation of *groaning and grunting*.

We had an unusually wet season last winter & spring until the first of May. From that time we had no rain here until last Sabbath 23rd June. Everything was parching up: harvest came, and the wheat took the rust, which nearly ruined it, & the oats are very little account. It really looked like we were to suffer. On Sabbath I preached a sermon in which I attempted to show *why* such times were sent. That *God* sent them, - *for our sins* - & designed them for our good. Before & after sermon we had prayer, in which God was earnestly besought to think mercifully upon us, & give us rain. Before we had dismissed the clouds began to gather & we had a fine rain. I hope it was a profitable occasion. We have now a good season, & I hope it will continue & our corn will yield a good crop. Until it does we will be very hard set to get bread. I never have had such difficulty to get bread as since I came here.

The Agent for Colportage of this State wishes me to take this County & supply it with books. I wish your advice about it in your next communication.

I will be glad to have your draft for the amount due me $37,50 as soon as may suit you.

I am yours as ever

Wm B. Brown

Spring Place Ga
July 18th

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Rev. M. Badger D. D.
Secty. A. H. M. S.
150 Naſsau Street
New York

Rev. William B. Brown
Spring place Murray Co., Ga.
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Asks advice about acting as
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[Brown, Rev. William]

Spring Place Murray Co. Geo. October 22nd 1850.

Secty. A. H. M. S.

Dr. Brs.

Absence from home, at the meetings of my Presbytery & Synod has prevented my reporting at the proper time. I have just returned from Synod which met nearly two hundred miles from this place. During the last three months we have had some sickneſs in our family. Both our children have been sick: but are now better. I cannot preach in town every sabbath. We have, as you are aware, but one church building complete; and that belongs to the Baptist. They have monthly preaching, and the Methodist have monthly preaching, so that I have but two sabbaths in the month here. I have, however, no spare time as I have more solicitations for appointments than I can fill.

I have not witneſsed any special outpouring of the Spirit; but I have had attentive congregations. The cause of Temperance is advancing in Spring Place. Some who were degraded sots are now "Clothed & in their right mind." We are indebted for this to the Sons of Temperance. How lasting this reformation will be, time will have to prove. I have attempted to keep up a weekly meeting for prayer; but when I am away from home it fails. Though there are members of the Baptist & Methodist churches in town, they take but little interest in a prayer meeting—: in fact there appears to be but little of the life and power of religion with us at present. I pray it may not long be so—: poſsibly this darkneſs betokens approaching day. May it be so.

Our Fall communion will be in a few weeks; when I expect to preach more particularly on the subject of H. M. & ask a collection for that object. The Agent of our Synod for H. M. has collected near fifteen hundred dollars for that object in our bounds. I hope a better day is at hand for our people.

I suppose there is now due me, for the labors of the last three months $ 37,50. a draft for which I will be glad to

receive as soon as your duty & convenience will permit.
Our crops were cut ~~so~~ short by the long drouth that provisions are and will be remarkably dear; and we will be hardly able to feed, & clothe the family for the winter. Our motto, in purchasing has to be, not do we need this or that, — but can we possibly do without it. But the Lord has helped us hitherto, & we will still hope in his mercy.

I add no more but yours affectionately

Wm B Brown.

Rev. Wm B. Brown
Spring Place (Murray) Geo
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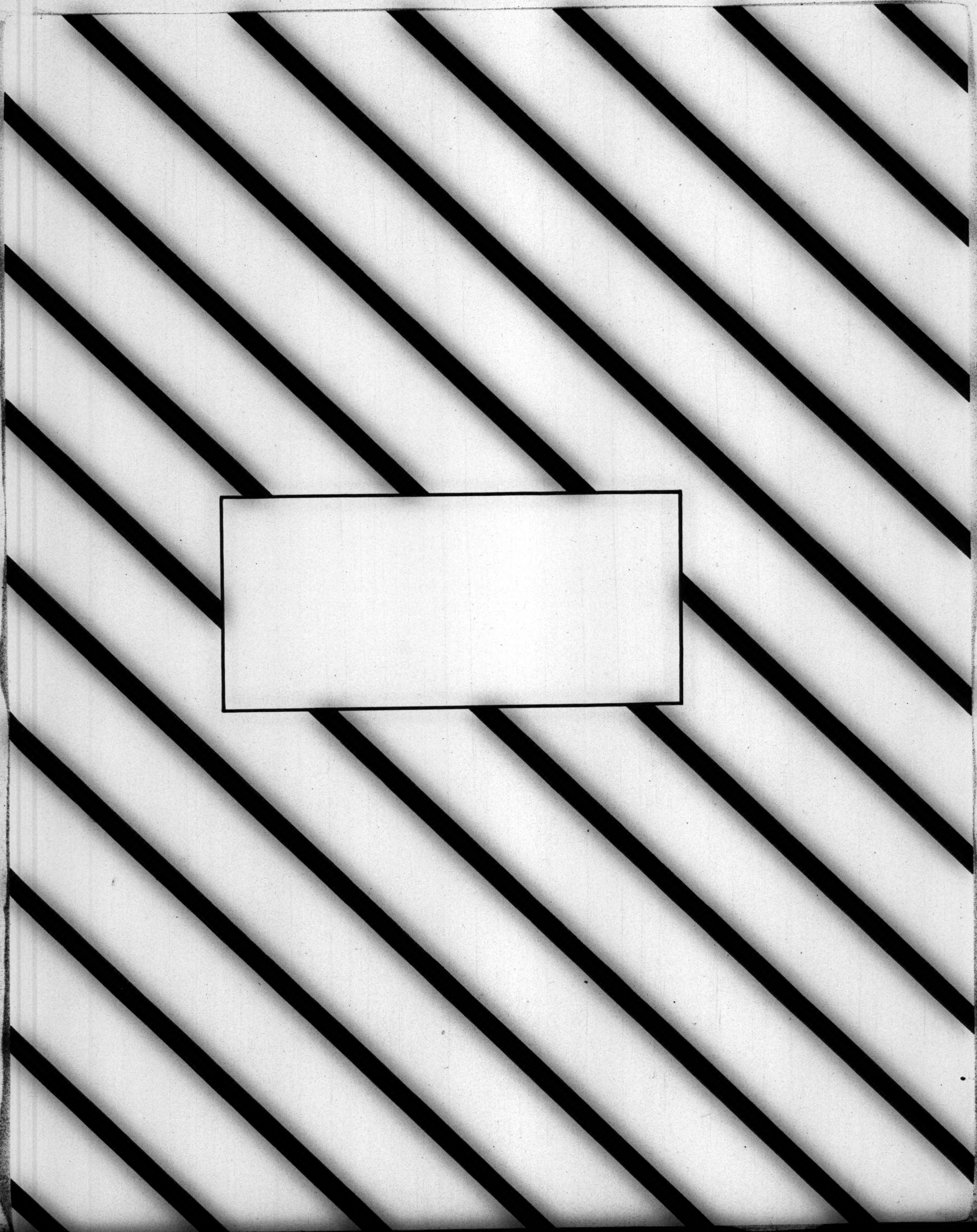

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PAPERS

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[Brown, William B.]

Spring Place Murry Co. Ga Jany 3rd/51.

Secretaries A. H. M. S.

Dear Sirs,

At the close of the year's labor I sit down to make my report. I have not much that is very encouraging from Spring Place. In good weather I have good congregations. My Pastoral visits are well received, and I trust will be productive of good. There has been an effort made to get me into a controversy on the subject of Baptism, but I have not yet felt it to be my duty to engage in it, as the "Champion" was a man of doubtful prudence, if not piety. We greatly need a good church building; and my people have promised to endeavor to build one, next summer, if possible. We had a pleasant communion in Nov. the 2nd Sab. I expect four or five additions to our church in a short time.

There has been quite an interesting state of religious feeling at Dalton, twelve miles from here, in this county. I have been called there twice to assist Br. Johnson (an O. S. Presbyterian Minister). They had daily meetings there for near fifty days. Seventeen persons were recd into the Presby. church; some into the Methodist, & some into the Baptist churches. In all some fifty have made profession of religion.

In a neighborhood 15 miles south of this place, in this county, where I have preached occasionally for the last year, Br. Johnson & I organized a church two weeks ago, of about 15 members, and there are several more who say they will unite with it soon. It is quite an interesting community; and they insist that I shall preach to them at least once a month. I have no doubt but a flourishing church can be built up there. There is another place in this County 15 miles north of this, where there are several Presbyterian families, to whom I have been solicited to go & preach. Some of them wish me to organize a church there & preach to them as often as I can. If you renew my Commission for the present year, I think it had better be for "Murry County", as the church here (in Spring

Place) will be occupied two sabbaths in the month by others I can then preach the remainder of my time at the abovenamed points, both of which I consider very important.

Without your aid I do not see how I can continue my labors here. Provisions are very scarce and dear, — about double the usual value. With the best economy I could use I have not been able to keep out of debt: and my family are now in pressing need of many articles of clothing. We are without milk, and almost without Bread & Meat. I am kindly treated by the community here — they go to hear me preach, & seem well pleased but they seem never to have learned that "They that preach the gospel are to live of the gospel." I think, however, that the right enforcement of the truths of the gospel will bring them to think and act right on this subject.

I preached on the subject of H. Miss. at our fall meeting, and took up a collection of $4.10. You may deduct $7.50 from the draft now due me of $37.50.

I have been confined pretty much to my room for two weeks past from cold settled in my head & lame leg. My family have been blessed with health during the fall & winter thus far.

I hope you will be able to renew my commission this year. If provisions had been as plenty & cheap as they have heretofore been here, I could have lived very well & been clear of debt. I hope you & all those by whose benevolence I am permitted to labor in this waste & barren field will often make mention of me at a mercy seat; that I may be faithful and useful.

I am yours most devotedly

Wm B. Brown.

Rev. Wm B. Brown
Spring Place, Murray Co. Ga
Jan. 3. 1853
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[Jarnagin, A.S. + Co.]
[BROWN]

Spring Place Murray Co'y Ga Jan 9/51

Rev Milton Badger D.D.
Dear Sir

Haveing enjoyed the ministra~~tion~~l services of the Revd Wm C. Brown for the past year, partly through the benevolance of the Home Missionary Society being well pleased as a Man & a Minister and being desirous to continue his ministrations with us we are induced to ask for the continuance of the aid you have so kindely afforded the past year. not only are the members of our little Church pleased with the services of Mr Brown but the community respect him & are well pleased with his preaching. the Ministry in this section of the Country have bin of very inferior order illiterate and inefficient. Our Congregations have become more orderly and attentive & we hope that good will be the result We hope to be able to do a little better for him this year then we did last. we think it would be advisable for him to preach one fourth of his time at two points in this County where we think their is a prospect of building up Churches and half of his time in this place. If he does this we can raise him $150. however we will not be to certain we will pay him $100. we will be very sure to do that much and we hope you can give him a Commission with $150. the present Year is perhaps the hardest time we shall experience in supporting our minister on acount of the scarcity of provisions and consiquent high prices We have no Church built yet but design to build one at the earliest possible time

Yours Very Respectfully
Joseph McIntire,
Roswell Ramsey
A. S. Jarnagin

P. S. See next page}

This will certify that the Church in this place have been punctual in paying what they promised for my support.
Spring Place Jany. 9th 1851 }
Wm. B. Brown.

The Presb. Ch. Spring Place, Ga. apply for $150 renewal in support of Rev. Wm. B. Brown 12 mo. from Jan. 1. 1851 to preach there ½ the time, spending the other half at some other points in the County.
P. O. Spring Place, (Murray) Ga.

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Granted $150

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[Brown, William B.]

Spring Place Murray Co. Ga. April 7th 1851.

Secretaries A. H. M. S.

Dear Sirs,

My labors during the last three months have been considerably interrupted by affliction; I have suffered a great deal with my lame leg. At present I am able to ride & stand while I preach. The Presbytery of Kingston met here on last Thursday; & our communion was administered on yesterday. Most of the members were here, and remained with us over Sabbath. A Presbyterial Communion was new to most of our citizens The little church was greatly pleased to enjoy the services of the occasion; and I feel aſsured the influence of the occasion have had a good influence for the cause of Presbyterianism, and of intelligent christianity.

I feel that the prospect for doing good for this people, is encouraging. It is true wickedneſs abounds;- intemperance is common- the sabbath is neglected & profaned- but christians seem to be waking up to a sense of their duty.

I have promised, & expect soon to commence a series of sermons, or lectures on Temperance. The Synod of Tenneſsee at its last seſsions ordered its members to preach on the subjects of the observance of the Sabbath, & the support of the Ministry, during this summer.

We are going to start our Sabbath School now, as Spring is opening. It is difficult to get teachers here who have sufficient perseverance to keep up a school.

I have many urgent invitations to preach at different points in the country; and I hope to be able to go more as the season becomes warm, so that I can get about. There is now due me, I suppose for the services rendered the last three months $37.50. for which I will be pleased to pass a draft as soon as may suit your convenience. I know not how I could meet the wants of my family were it not for the aid of your Society. I hope however the time will come when I can live without asking foreign aid. Although my reports are not so encouraging as I could wish, you, my Brethren are doing a great work; your Society, is accomplishing much, & I hope when your labors and mine are finished on Earth, we shall rejoice together that we were ever engaged in the great H. M. Enterprise.

As ever I am yours in Christ.

Wm B. Brown

[Brown, William B.]

[1857

Spring Place Murray Co. Ga. July 1st

Secretaries A. H. M. S.

Rev & Dear Sirs,

The time calls upon me for a report of the labors of the last quarter. Nothing of special interest has occurred within my field of labour since my last report.

My lame leg has been causing me considerable pain all spring & summer, but I have been able to fill all my engagements. There is nothing like a revival of religion in any portion of our Synod. Our Sabbath School in this place is in a tolerably flourishing condition.

The Treasurer of the Mass. S. S. Society wrote to me in May last that he had forwarded to me a box containing $21,00 worth of S. S. Books for our School: they have never come to hand, nor have I heard of them.

It has been with some difficulty that a weekly prayer-meeting has been kept up. So few attend, & fewer will take a part in the exercises.

The cause of Temperance I think is decidedly on the advance in this County. The "Sons" are in a flourishing condition. They have three Divisions in the Co.

There are many difficulties in the way of our success in building up Presbyterianism, or I would rather say Intelligent Christianity. Among these I would mention Clerical Ignorance as a prominent difficulty.

We have "Preachers" in abundance in our County. Preaching so called, is plenty & cheap. One may be heard almost any Sabbath, raving & ranting for an hour; and often times I am unable to understand half that is said; and this very gibberish is taken, by many, for wisdom & great preaching. A Justice of the "_piece_" told me a few days since of a very great sermon he heard a man preach, which he said, made a powerful impression. Knowing this _great preacher_ I asked him for particulars of the sermon. He could not tell text, the heads, or any points on which he insisted; all he knew was that it was a "very powerful sermon."

At one of my appointments three weeks ago I met with a Minister of the B— church who also had an appointment there to preach a funeral. I was told he was a — "mighty good man, & a mighty good preacher." So we both preached. He commenced by telling us that "some folks were mighty opposed to _funeralizen_ black slaves, but he was not; and if those folks would search the Bible they would not find one word aginst funeralizin slaves. He next proceeded to show his "black Brethering," (accenting always the _ing_,) that Slavery was right. This he did by telling them that a man once came to Christ and asked him to go to his house & heal his servant; & told Christ that he was a man in authority and had _Slaves_ & said to one go, & he went &c — and Christ did not tell him Slavery was wrong, but said he had not found so great faith in Israel.

With such teachers the people must be ignorant, and being so they are satisfied with preaching which costs nothing. I can find places enough to preach, & have calls many more than I can _attend_. At the urgent request of a church fifty miles from here, a few weeks ago I went & held a meeting for them. I had no aſsistance, the weather was very warm, & I was quite worn down. When I was about to leave for my distant home over a very bad road, they wished to know "when I could visit them again, they were so well pleased I must ~~go~~ come back again", ~~we like to hear you~~". No inquiry as to what I had paid for ferriage or one nights' lodging in going; or whether that patched coat, & almost crownleſs hat were the best I could afford. Such trials as these are common to us here. The great scarceneſs, & consequent highneſs of provisions, ~~here~~ forced me to contract some debts; which, together with the wants of my family, I did not see how I could meet. But while I was thinking what I must do, & whether I must try to get a school, some kind friend sent us a ~~pretty~~ good supply of clothing, and many other useful articles. I feel that the best I can wish these very kind friends is, that they may have the greater bleſsing of the givers; for truly the bleſsedneſs of receiving was so great, that if the bleſsedneſs of giving was greater, it is enough. I will acknowledge the gift in a few days to the donors.

There is due me for the last quarter $ 37 $\frac{50}{100}$, for which I will be glad to receive a draft at your convenience. I forbear to add to this, already long letter, at present.

I am most respectfully yours,

Wm B. Brown

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[Brown, Rev. William]

June 8th 1852
Springs Place Murray Co. Ga.

Dear Brethren,

I suppose you will be pleased to hear something from me, notwithstanding I am not, at present, holding a commission from your Society. The health of myself & family is pretty good. Our little Church is increasing a little; at our last communion we received three additions. I am not teaching since the first of May. I found it very arduous to preach here & teach too. The members of our church are scattered so much that it requires some time to visit them all as often as I would like.

I have nothing very encouraging to write. I have yet to "go forth weeping," as I bear and scatter the precious seed. When the morning of light and joy will come I cannot tell.

I hardly know what I had best do to obtain a support. I dislike, very much to ask you for further aid, and I do not now see how I can remain in this field without it. Will you give me your advice? I would be glad to know the way of duty.

Mrs Williams wrote me that she had sent you som Summer clothing for us, which we have never received. I wish to know if it has been forwarded? We have not bought summer clothing expecting to receive that. Please answer at first convenience.

I am sincerely yours
Wm. B. Brown

Rev. Wm. B. Brown
Spring Place, Ga.
June 8/52
Is in doubt whether to apply for aid. asks after box. —

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(Box sent and notice given)

[Jarnagin, A.S.]
-BROWN

Spring Place Geo July 23th 1852

To The Secretaries of the A. H. M. S

Revd Sirs

It has become necessary for us to again call on you for aid I have bin absent all Spring & untill the 3rd of this month which is the reason why aplication has not bin make sooner [illegible] think the time is not very for distant when we will be able to Suport our own Minister our Church is gradually gaining Strength. Since, Revd Wm B Brown Commenced his ministerial labors among us our Church has nearly doubled in members and our intention now is to make an effort to build a Church this Fall which together with what we pay our minister will bear very heavy on a weak Church therefore we are constrained to ask you for the aid you gave us last year vis $150. and we would be very glad if you would date the commission back to the 1st of june as we have had the ministerial labors of Mr Brown all the year up to the present, and we would say to you that Revd Wm. B. Brown has given perfect Satisfaction to all the members of our Church and the community generally and we feal gradefull to you for the help you have tendered us in his supost we have paid Mr Brown the amt. promised

By Order of Session

A. S. Jarnagin Clk of Session

I certify the above, in regard to payment of what the church promised is correct Wm B. Brown.

The Presb. Ch. Spring Place, Ga. apply for $150 renewe[d] aid in support of Rev. William B. Brown. 12 mos from June 1. 1852.

P. O. Spring Place, (Murray) Ga.

Ref 1438

Secretaries A.H.M.S.
150 Nassau St
N. York

~~Correspondence~~

Granted $150.

[Caldwell, Rev. W. B.]
[BROWN]

Jonesborough Sep. 13, 1852

Rev D. B. Coe:

Dear Bro:

We take pleasure in recommending to the A. H. M. Soc the Rev. W. B. Brown as a Presbyterian Minister of good & regular standing. We are personally acquainted with Bro. Brown & his field of labor at Spring Place Ga. The church is a feeble one, consisting of 15 members in moderate circumstances in a worldly point of view. This church by having the continued labors of Bro. Brown will, we feel confident, in a short time become a self supporting church. We therefore hope that the Ex. Com. will grant the request of that church for aid in the case of Bro. Brown.

Yours in Christ

J. W. C. Caldwell

John N. Blackburn.

Jonesboro Sept 13th

Dear Brother,

I could not see, or have communication with any of the Brethren sooner. We are now at our Synod in this place. I hope this will be satisfactory. I will render a report of my labors as soon as I receive my commission.

I am yours in Christ
Wm B Brown

P.S. My P. O. is
Spring Place
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Rev. W. E. Caldwell and
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Recommendation of Rev.
W. B. Brown.

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Spring Place, Murray Co. Ga. December 1st/53

To the Secretaries A. H. M. S.

Rev & Dear Sirs,

When I wrote you last I was at the meeting of Synod at Jonesboro. I came home sick with a severe attack of cold. It settled on my Lungs, and I was confined for about six weeks. Before I recovered entirely Our oldest Son (7 years & 2 months old) was taken down, and in just one week he died. Mrs Brown was also taken down a few days after our Son's death but she is now able to be up and attend to her domestic affairs. Before I was taken, our babe was quite ill for three weeks; and he has been sick again for the last three weeks. We have not all been well at once, since the last of August. God has been sorely afflicting us. We have had a great deal of sickness, and quite a number of deaths. Caswell Ramsey, one of the Elders of our church has been taken from us.

We are greatly afflicted in the death of this good man, but God, who does all things right, has done it, and we would bow with submission.

The death of our Son was a severe trial. When he was about three years old he gave himself to the Missionary work. He was looking at some pictures of the heathen inflicting torture upon themselves. "Mother, when I get to be a man I will go & preach to them" he said. He always afterwards spoke of his work for life, as that of a Missionary. His favorite Hymn was, "Yes my native land, I love thee &c." He read and sung it very often. He was intelligent beyond his years; and was greatly beloved by our friends, & the members of our little church.

Just about the time of his death a revival commenced in our Village, and we have had a precious season. Over fifty persons have, as we trust, found the Savior precious. Among the converts were two of the children, and the Father (70 years old) of our dear friend Mr Romsey. I am much encouraged; and glad to have this intelligence to write you. Most of the converts joined the Baptist church; four have united with our church, and a few more expect to do so. I hope the good work will go on until our Zion shall be greatly enlarged & quickened.
Whe I received my commission I was confined to bed, and before I got able to write the second quarter was so near out I thought I had as well wait until the quarter expired.
I have labored for the last six months when I have been able. It has been a time of toil, of trial, and of joy. There is due me now, I suppose $75.00 which I will be pleased to receive when it suits you to send it.
I feel greatly indebted to the H. M. Society. It has enabled me to preach the Gospel to this people as without its aid I could not have done.
But lest I be too tedious I will close by subscribing myself your afflicted, yet encouraged, fellow laborer in the common cause of our Master.

Wm B. Brown

[Brown, Rev. William]

Spring Place April 28th 1853.

Rev D. B. Coe,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 18th March was received, but absence from home, and sickness in my family, have prevented my reply until now. I will now reply to each of your inquiries.

1st About one half the members of my church are Slaveholders, by inheritance.

2nd We have had no cases of discipline, growing out of this subject.

3rd I preach plainly the duty of christians to each other, whatever relations they may sustain to them.

4th I frequently discuss this subject, tho' I do it with caution & prudence. To the Master I say you must be just and humane. To the servant I say you must be humble and faithful.

5th I preach regularly to congregations of Servants, without any restraint.

6th I *think* I am doing good, both to the Master & servant.

Tho' born & raised in the south I believe the system of Slavery to be fraught with many evils. I am satisfied, that we in the south can do more to remedy these evils than the north can. There are difficulties about this subject which it requires one to be here to understand.

You can use the above as you think best.

I am very respectfully Wm B Bro

Rev. Wm. B. Brown, Spring Place,
Murray Co. Ga. Dec. 1. 1852
Has been much afflicted by
sickness & death in his family.
"Revival!"

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[Brown, Rev. William]

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Spring Place Murray Co. Ga. March 3rd

Secretaries A. H. M. S.

Rev & Dear Sirs, This report will cover the third quarter of the ~~mis-~~ present Missionary year. I have enjoyed tolerable good health, and been able to attend all my appointments. The church here is perhaps in as good a condition as could be expected, after the excitement last fall. With some considerable effort we have sustained a prayer-meeting on Sabbath & on Tuesday evenings.

When the Spring opens we design reopening our Sabbath School; and commencing our Church Edifice. I have told the people here that unless they build a church I will not stay with them; for I feel assured it will not require more self denial in *them* to build a church, than *I* am undergoing to preach to them.

[There is, at present, considerable excitement thro'out our State on the subject of Temperance.

A law prohibiting the retail, as a beverage, of all intoxicating drinks, is loudly called for.

I have just returned from a State Convention at Atlanta. Delegates were present from every part of the State. Measures were taken to have petitions go up to the next Legislature, from every County, praying to have this great evil arrested by *law*.

I will be pleased to have a draft for the amt
now due me $ 37.50/100 at your convenience.
I hope the time is not far distant when I shall
be supported without asking for foreign aid.

With much grattitude & respect.
I am
Wm B. Brown.

P.S. On another box you have March report.

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5. Spring Place Church Murray Co. Ga. March 3d.

No. church Members 20.
Average attendance on public worship 100.
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Contributions

H. M. Society	$10.00	(I believe)
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I have one youth in my family, 12 years old who I hope will be a minister.

Respectfully
Wm B. Brown

Rev. Wm B. Brown, Spring Place
Murray Co. Ga. March 3. 1853.

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Mr Coe.

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[Jarnagin, A.S.]
[Brown]

Spring Place Ga Aug 13th

Secretaries A. H. M. S.

Dear Sirs

Having Commenced building a Church it forces us to call upon you for a continuation of the aid you have heretofore so kindly bestowed upon our little Church we propose this year to pay our Minister Three Hundred Dollars and ask you to aid us to half that amt. we have one half of his time the other half is given to destitute places in our County.

Our Minister Revd Wm. B. Brown in his ministerial labors has given perfect Satisfaction and our Church is gradualy increasing in numbers and influence and we think we will be able to Sustain our selves after a short time we are Erecting a brick Church edifice this year which with the amt we pay our Minister will fall very hard on a few members and Should you refuse us the aid we ask we would be driven almost to the wall,

We wish the Commission to date June 1st /53 we expected to have made this application sooner but for reasons if stated would be perfectly Satisfactory to you the application has been delayed untill now.

A. S. Jarnagin } Elders
Saml. Glass }

See next page

Benton Polk Co. Ten Aug 15. 1853

Dear Brethren

I am, and have been personally acquainted with the most of the members of Spring-place church — and Mr Brown's field of Labor. I feel satisfied Mr Brown is an acceptable minister and is doing a good work in this general community, and do most heartily and cordially reccommend the application of the elders of his church. hoping their request may be granted.

Yours truly

John M. Blackburn.
Benton.
Ten.

Dear Brethren,

I cannot, without great inconvenience, get the name of any other Minister to this paper, & therefore hope this will be sufficient. The church has been punctual in paying me what they promised.

I am, as ever, yours

Wm B Brown

Secretaries A. H. M. S.
Bible House Astor Place
New York City

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Presb. Ch. Spring Place
Ga. Aug 13 1853
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[Brown, Rev. William]

Spring Place Ga December 12th 1853.

Secretaries A. H. M. S.

Rev & Dear Sirs with last Month closed half my present Missionary year. My commission was not recd. until after the expiration of the first quarter-hence the present report for half the year.

My labors have been considerably interrupted by the heavy & continued afflictions which have been upon our little Church for the last four months. The family of our friend Caswell Ramsey, an Elder of our church, who died a year ago, have been the chief sufferers.

Ten, out of twelve of the family, have had protracted spells of Typhoid Fever. Two of them an only daughter & a son fell victims to it. How heavy the stroke that removes the only Daughter and Sister, beautiful, pious, affectionate & beloved from a widowed Mother, & fatherless Brothers. But the Master has called & we must bow to the call. My own family has been afflicted also, but are now much better. This community has been greatly afflicted for the two last years.

Disease and the "Copper Fever" are weakening our little church. I fear several of our

members will move to the Tennessee Copp
Mines. I know not how we are to spare t
Our church edifice is in progress. We
to have the wall up and covered by Feb
The building committee are all at the Copp
Mines, and I am left alone to oversee the bu
ing. I have been riding for several days trying t
collect shingles & timbers for the house.
I fear we will have to stop a while for lack
funds. I think with $200.00 we could go on
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Rev. Wm B. Brown, Spring Place,
Ga. Dec. 12/53.

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Secretaries A. H. M. S.
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[Hurd, William]

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Monticello Ga June 1. 1853

Jasper Corning Esq
Treas: Am: Home Miss: Socity
Dear Sir

I enclose Check for One hundred & Sixty dollars - to Constitute Mrs Nancy H. Hurd & Eleanor Stone Hurd (my Wife and Daughter) Life Members and myself Life Director of your Socity —"

May the Lord of the Harvest send forth laborers into His Harvest"!

Yours Respectfully
Wm S Hurd

Recpt Mail
June 6.

[Brown, Rev. William]

Spring Place Ga. August 10th 1854.

Rev D. B. Coe

Sec. A. H. M. S.

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of hereby acknowledging the receipt of the Box forwarded to us on the 17th of June. It came to hand in good order. I paid freight $4.10. It was truly a welcome present. We were in special need of many articles which it brought us. My wife and two of the children were just getting up from a spell of sickness. May the blessing of heaven rest upon the society & all its friends. My own health has not interrupted my labors ~~since~~ my last report. The "Copper Fever" which threatened to waste our little Church is subsiding. One man who had left has returned and another, an Elder, has sent his family back & we hope he will return himself. Our Church building goes on but slowly. We hope to commence work on it again this Fall. Our Ladies have made $125 for it by a sewing society. I became satisfied that my people could not build the church and give me a support even with the aid of the society at present so I concluded I would not ask the Society for aid for the present year: but try to make something by teaching. I have some Boys in my family, & I hope thus to help myself & benefit others. I am preaching once a month. At a little church 30 miles east of this in the Mountains, Br. G. N. Blackburn & I held a sacramental meeting there two weeks ago. The people want a Minister to settle among them. There are about 20 members in the church, and I feel well satisfied that great good might be done there. Br. Blackburn thinks it one of the most promising fields of usefulness in the bounds of our Presbytery. Tho' it is 30 miles from me, 15 miles thro' rugged mountains, crossing two Rivers, one without Bridge or Boat, and tho' from my lameness I cannot ride on horse-back, yet from the anxiety of the people to have preaching that I have consented to try & preach to them some until they can obtain a Minister.

For the last quarter of my Missionary year ending 1st June there is due me $37.50 for which you will please send me a draft, charging *me*, & crediting *Spring Place church* with $5.50. A small sum, I wish it were larger. I hope the time is not far distant when we can turn our drafts *to* instead of *from* you.

Adieu for the present. I am as ever yours

Wm B. Brown

Rev. Wm B. Brown
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Rev D. B. Coe - Secty A.H.M.S.
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Rev. W. B. Brown, Spring Place,
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Can he receive aid another year?
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[Brown, Rev. William]

Spring Place Ga.
January 28th 1855.

Rev D. B. Coe,

Dear Brother,

I take time this evening to write you a short communication, to give you some information concerning my field of labor; and to ask for some counsel & advice. I am very much discouraged on account of our present condition & prospects.
I hoped to be able to support my family by teaching a few months during the winter season, with what the little church would do for me without asking foreign aid again. But in this I am disappointed. The *failure*, or rather the *shortneſs* of crops last season, together with othe causes has greatly raised the price of everythin The removal of three of our Presbyterian Familie has considerably leſsened my small salary; and my own outlay of nearly one hundred dollar towards our church; and the loſs of my horse recently, have put it out of my power to pay the expenses of last year, or provide the neceſsaries of of the present. Our church is yet unfinished

but we are providing the lumber now to put it in a condition that we can worship in it. I think we will be able to worship in it by spring My school is small, & mostly poor scholars. There are some persons of property here, but they are with one or two exceptions Baptist, and because I would not exclude the poorer children from the school, they have employed a teacher of their own "Faith & order". This is likely to cause ill feeling. I wish to give up teaching soon, and give my time to preaching. There is a small church thirty miles south east of me where I have been preaching monthly for the last year, that I think is a promising field. There is no one else in reach of them but myself. They wish me to preach for them oftener the present year. They are mostly in moderate circumstances, and I do not suppose that church and this one can raise more than two hundred dollars for me this year. I wish now to know whether your society can aid me for another year. I hope afterwards to be able to get my support without your aid. I know it looks discouraging to you as well as to me but perhaps the future may be brighter. You may not think it prudent to expend anything more on this field: and advise me to some other course.

I hope to hear from you as soon as convenient. I am, as ever yours

Wm B. Brown.

P. S. We have no Bell for our Church & are unable to supply ourselves. Could some of our eastern friends, who are enlarging their houses of worship, give us their "Old Bell." A small one would answer our Village Such a gift would greatly benefit and rejoice us; and I hope honor the Master.

W. B. B.

Roy, Rev. J. E. - AHMS -

Atlanta, Ga. Oct. 31/65.

Dr Badger,

Dea. Bro.,

I came here expecting to find work to be done as indicated by the rapid rebuilding of the city. I find indeed 15000 population, 80 Stores coming to completion in good brick structures. Business already overdone so that goods are very cheap. - I find two O. S. Pres. Churches running; two Methodist for Whites, one for Africans; two Baptists for Whites, one for Africans; 2 Episcopalean; and one Congregational Methodist Church, whose house was burned with three others. But I find that the new population does not bring us any present material. I have called on Col. Cuykendall, Supt. of Freedmen, Capt. Mattison in his service, Mayor Calhoun, who surrendered Atlanta, and has just now received his pardon, a fair-minded man, Rev. Mr Lanier, of the Cong. Methodist Church, Dr Young, a true unionist, Mr Philips, editor of the _New Era_, daily, and several other persons whom I have picked up at the hotel and on the street and no one can give me any names of Congregational sympathizers. It appears that most of the new building is going on by old residents, and the new comers are mainly from other southern places. Louisville & Nashville are sending here branch stores and the Secesh of Knoxville, who find it too hot to remain there, are coming here in large numbers.

Mr Cravath has just been here for the A.M.A. and will soon send teachers, from whom thro' the rooms at 61 John Street you can hear from this field. We go from here to Huntsville, Ala. and Memphis.

Truly Yours J. E. Roy

Atlanta — Addenda.

At Huntsville I learned that John Rice and bro. Jones, prominent members of the Plymouth Church at Milwaukee are going to Atlanta to start a National Bank. I will write them from this place about church affairs.

Since leaving there I have been thinking about the possibility of making something out of the Congregational Methodist material there. Their house was burned; they have no meetings; they are not able to build. Perhaps their lot might be given if aid were furnished for building and perhaps they would be willing to drop the "Methodist" from their name. When there I supposed that they would prefer their own polity & name. But now I think that when I get around to Macon, Ga., I will run back to Atlanta — only 100 miles — and pull that string some, especially as I now have the information about Rice and Jones. I will request them to write me at Atlanta.

Fraternally
Yours
J. E. Roy

Rev. J. E. Roy
Southern Tour (J)
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[Roy, Rev. Joseph] AHMS

Stevenson, Ga. Nov. 2d/65

Rev. Dr Badger,

Dear Brother,

Arriving at Chattanooga last evening from Atlanta I found Mr C. R. Robert and received from him the right hand of fellowship. This morning we all come on to this place; he going on to Nashville; we waiting till 4 o'clock P.M. for a train to Huntsville, Ala.

I wish to suggest the appointment of an Agent for this Southern work, perhaps limiting him to Ky. & Tenn. I am confirmed in the opinion that we have a great work to do at the South. Mr Robert told Messrs Savage and Warren at Knoxville that he thought from his observation that Congregationalism at the South would have advantage over both branches of Presbyterianism because of the less of prejudice it had to meet. It is adapted. It is needed. The Society will not work itself in these parts. It needs a *personal* connection with the work. It needs a man to have his eye upon these points all the time, watching for the ripening of the pear, sometimes starting the specific enterprise himself and then transferring it to a permanent laborer. I think we shall lose time not to have a man on the ground as soon as may be. I proposed the matter to Mr Robert, who approved it. He must be a man of wisdom, piety, industry, ability. Just the right man, if he can be spared is Mr Bliss, of Memphis. I do not know that it would do to remove him; but he is so well adapted, when so few are fit, that I think it worth while to canvass the case.

Quite likely in the further development and subdivision of the work you will need an agent or more on the Atlantic Coast. Louisville or Memphis or Nashville would be the place for headquarters of the River District.

I am confirmed in the view of the Society that the Apostolic method is the proper one for the South, viz, to go to the cities and large towns and colonies. In our country, between the large towns the ordinary railway stations are important centers.

But here the Stations are miserable, rickety towns, small, lacking in enterprise and thrift. Between Louisville & Nashville, 185 miles, the only respectable towns are Munfordsville, Bowling Green, & Gallatin; and these are encrusted in Southern rust. Between Nashville & Chattanooga - 151 miles - Murfreesboro is the only one; from Chat. to Atlanta Marietta was the only one before war destroyed them all; from Chat. to Knoxville the way is dreary as to villages. The same was true from Covington, Ky. to Lexington, & thence to Louisville with the exception of the little, old, dried up Capital, Frankfort, with two or three thousand people. The sprightly business centers and the places that have been purged and civilized by war will be the first ones to be occupied by us.

I spoke to Sec. Clapp about overtaking me at Memphis or further down. I do wish that he could come.

I find it quite expensive traveling: - hotel fare - all of it second class - is from $3.00 to $4.00 per day. Gen. Fisk's favor helps some. I find that if I need to apply for more money I can get it by Express, thus: telegraph you (free) to deposit funds with the Express Company in New York and then the money will be paid me wherever I may be, with only the ordinary charge for delivery of money. My traveling expense thus far has been $109.78— in just three weeks.

I shall hope to meet a word from you at Memphis.

Truly Yours
J. E. Roy

Rev. J. E. Roy
Southern Tour (8)
Stevenson, Georgia
Nov. 22 1866

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Suggests the appointment of an Agent for the Southern work—

May need more funds for traveling expenses—

[Roy, Rev. J. E.]

Augusta. Ga. Dec. 7/65

My Dear Dr. Badger,

From Montgomery I had intended to have come by way of Columbus. Ga. and Macon, but that railroad has not yet been opened. Those are of the first class of cities in this State, having from eight to ten thousand people each and being rather thrifty - as thrift is counted at the South. But both were burned and battered by the war and are, I judge, much in the same condition as Montgomery and most of these interior towns as to Congregational material and prospects.

Coming by Atlanta I found that bros. Rice and Jones of Milwaukee were expected there about the 15th inst to open their National Bank. After learning at Huntsville of their purpose to come to Atlanta I wrote to Bro. Jones, laying before him a Church project. The place is growing as by magic & must very soon be occupied by us.

This city, the largest in the State, claims a pop. of 20,000; and is pleasantly located on the west side of the Savannah at the head of navigation. A canal taken out of the river above and passing around the falls furnishes magnificent water power, which drives a cotton factory that runs 16 or 17000 spindles and 600 operatives, making brown sheetings only. There are also several mills and other factories here - more of manufacturing than in any other place I have visited at the South. The place before the war was rather noted for its northern influence; but many of the northerners went away during the war & those who remained were confirmed in the Southern spirit. I came here having no clue, of names or information of any kind. But I have pumped the Freedmen's Bureau.

the Augusta Constitutionalist men, the young Men's Library Association Secretary, darkies, citizens, booksellers. Thinking that the Cotton Factory must be a yankee Institution, altho' fifteen years old, I sought from the Company officers, the written permission necessary to enter. I found the Supt. to be a Mr F. Coggin from Springfield Mass, and acquainted with one of my deacons in Chicago. He is not a Christian, attends Dr Wilson's O.S. Church– says that he has some yankee foremen but they are not of us. Altho' I went thro' the mills I could find no raw material to weave into a Cong. Church.   Bro. Alvord had met Rev. Mr Martindale, O.S. Pres. sent by the O.S. Board, and ministering to a colored congregation. He reported a call upon Dr Wilson, who denied him all fellowship saying that the South had been right and the North wrong and northern Presbyterians must repent

before they could have fellowship here.
But risking similar treatment I called, presented my official credentials and was handsomely treated. He said: you have no old scores to wipe out; but the centralized Churches of the North are in bad odor here. He acquiesced in our mission of caring for the scattered Congregationalists; but said that he did not know of one lying around loose; that several years ago some came and were now consolidated with them. He said that he had been a thorough Secessionist - kept ~~slavery~~ politics out of the pulpit on Sabbath, even during war, and only *prayed* for the Confederate Cause - but preached for it on fast days & thanksgivings - had thought it would be better to have two republics, if slavery were to be preserved, but now *one* was better - God had decided it and he had come into a sweet peace in acquiescing in his will -; to which I remarked that was "good Calvinism" - but it was very hard for his people to submit to God's will - he had appointed service for thanksgiving but did not expect over fifty people present. He has a very fine Church standing upon an acre of grand shade trees. He is said to be next to Dr Palmer as an orator in the South.

Your mention of gratitude for my preservation thus far I do humbly and joyfully reciprocate. Knowing the broken, wretched condition of the railroads, the accidents reported on the river and also the hostility of the people among whom I was to journey as a stranger, I had on leaving home some misgiving, though I think a cheerful resignation to God's will while in the line of duty. But so good has Providence been that I have had no exposure, of which I was conscious, beyond the ordinary peril of travel. My way has been opened to me every day and everywhere. I am enjoying the trip very much and am grateful for the privilege it affords, altho: the travel over long, rough roads and constant application while at each stopping place have made it hard work. I am deeply grateful for this providential mercy.

I am disposed to think that Texas

should receive early attention from you. It has never been blighted by Slavery as the older States: it is a prairie country and is much of it yet to be settled. Indianola & Brownsville, I am told, are prosperous towns.

P.S. – I have been to Thanksgiving Service. Text Eph. V:20 "Giving thanks" (1) for peace, (2) for revelation of God's will so plainly as to duty of submission to govt. (3) for willingness in South to adapt themselves to Status (4) for good behaviour of those who have suddenly intoxicated with the gift of freedom (5) for the "All things" which are trials to be profited by (6) for God's revelation of himself as Father. There was no confession of wrong, no semblance of it; neither was there any bitterness expressed: but it was an adroit effort to say something. There was no heart in it. Only 53 people present; 8 or 10 of these were soldiers & strangers. We then went to the Colored folks' meeting – crowded – enthusiastic – Christian. On the contrast – there I prayed and exhorted as a loyal man.

Yours J. E. Roy

[Roy, Joseph E.]-AHMS

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 13th 1865.

Rev. Dr Badger,

The pear is ripe and ought to be picked before it falls into smash; i.e., there is ample material here and it ought to be associated and assimilated before it is absorbed, for it is a Congregational habit to fall in and go to work in whatever church may be found. This a beautiful city, of 20.000 population, compactly built, and justly called "The Forest City." Of Churches, there is the Independent Presbyterian Dr Axson's, with a large fine House, and made independent forty years ago by reason of a trouble in regard to a pastor; Mr Porter's O.S. Church, in suspense three years while he has been in the rebel army, having a Lecture Room, in which the returned rebel is about to resume worship; one Baptist, with a large house

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Southern Tour (~~77~~)
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and a pastor, who is considered the most loyal white minister in the city and who, on Thanksgiving Day, read a sermon one hundred years old on a common theme; one Methodist with a large fine house; two Episcopal, with large houses, over one of which Bishop Elliott presides. I find that several of our friends have just rented seats in Axson's house, he being a popular preacher and some in the Baptist because he gives a crum of loyal food. But the ministers are all as full of Secessionism as ever. The city is just coming out of its paralysis as to business, More than one half of which is in the hands of northern men for whom there is no loyal place of worship. A much larger number of these are *not* Jews than in the inland cities I have visited.

I arrived on Friday evening last & have tramped up and down these streets until I have to report the accompanying paper as the result.

I cannot express in too emphatic terms my conviction that this city should be occupied at once. The material is here; the field is open: our friends will readily become fixed in the old churches unless associated; the Unitarians, who have heretofore had preaching here, during the winters, are talking of it again and they would gather up the loyal non-professing element. Now is the time to strike. We shall never have so good a chance in the future. They must have a good man. [Cap. Nixon. of Grand Rapids, Mich., would like to have S. S. N. Greeley, who, in my judgment, would do well. Hiram Eddy would do well. One man, who knows him, speaks highly of him.] None of our friends are wealthy — but all are young & enterprising, just the men to build into a good society. Savannah, I suppose, is near as if not equal to Charleston in importance upon the coast.

As to a Place of Worship. St Paul's is in the same condition with St George's, N. York. I called on Bishop Elliott to see if it were not for sale, as it had been a free, mission Church. He said No. It would not be rebuilt at once but would be retained. It is finely located & was a beautiful structure of brick. Near it is the Evangelical Lutheran, on a lot 60 x 90, with streets on three sides of it for light, in just the right neighborhood, in the midst of up town. It is an Octagon, with a tower projecting from one of the sides, at the corner of the lot, for entrance way, organ loft and belfry. The sides are twenty feet; the hight thirty. It is said to have been a pleasant church & one easy to speak and hear in. It was built in 1857 and was never plastered on the outside as was intended. The soldiers occupied and completely *gutted* it. Not a piece of timber or board is left – all used for fires, so that it is a solid shell with a strong, tight, hip roof upon it. A builder tells me there must be 125,000 brick in it & that brick are $18.00 per thousand. This would make $3250. The lot was given by the City Corporation, as were others to other Churches, with a condition that if it were turned to any other purpose it should revert to the city. The property is now owned by individuals. The Society is dead. I can get the property for $4,000. — very cheap indeed, if it will answer our purpose. Mr Jemenden, Proprietor of the Planters Hotel, has the matter in hand and will give good title. The lot, as property rates, would I think, cost from $2,000. to $3,000. The house is not what we would build; it is small. I am not certain that it is wise for us to buy it, but I incline to think so.

Its location is good.

As to a place for temporary worship while building or repairing, I am troubled. St Andrews Hall, quite at one corner of down-town is up a steep stairway, is used with stage and scenes for theatrical performance is large, dirty, unpleasant. The other Hall h been turned into a Billiard Saloon. The Jews use the Hall of "the Guards". But the Firemen's Hall, standing in the midst of the residences, on an open lot, with only a sort of basement under it, very tasteful outside and inside I had hoped to get, as I had been informed that it was not used on the Sabbath. But after long searching I found the Chief and Clerk of the Department and learned that a small Disciple Church was using it and had used it a long time for only $40.00 a year. I was put on track of a man, said to be a member, but he proved to be a *New* Church and not a "*New Light*" man. That Hall would be a Capital place. I still have some hope and will do the best I can.

Rev. Ira Pettibone is here under the A. M. A. as a missionary to the Freedmen. He has been here a month, but has no preaching appointment as yet. He goes about and calls upon the people. As there are three Baptist and two Methodist Colored Churches, all strong and well manned, for a negro population of 7.500, I fear that there is small prospect of his success. But he is a good man and is anxious for the success of our enterprise, without desiring, so far as I know, to become its leader. His daughter and four or five other lady teachers of freedmen, all Congregationalists are all anxious for our Church and will be good workers.

Then Rev. Lumas Pease, from New York, lately a Chaplain, is here just now, under commission of the Seamen's Friend Society, to act as Chaplain in the Penfield Mariners' Chapel, a fine, house on the river bank built by Josiah Penfield. There has been no service there for years. There is no Society. Mr Pease has had the idea of gathering up what material he can and developing it into a Cong. Church, a worthy purpose. He would like to have our people turn in there with him. The place would do very well for our temporary occupancy and if he were not there failing of the Firemans Hall I should strike for that if he were not there. But I have no idea that he could draw our folks after himself. Bro. Alvord thinks he is not the man to do it. So I have been now committal with him. Neither do I think the he will accomplish much among the Sailors. There are but few in this Harbor. The Steamers leave on Saturday.

For Church members I find:

Wiley and wife; Peabody & wife; Dr Clift; Cooley and wife; Mrs Ives; Joseph Hamill; Randall and wife (as is said – he is away now); Loveridge and wife; Mrs Hesseltine; Rev. Pettibone and daughter; Misses Jenness, Hunt, Colburn, teachers;

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I learn here that Charles Hammill, Nephew of the Joseph named above, and my Spiritual son, is coming from Chicago with his father, both of whom would go with us tho' they are now in Humphrey's Church.

I send this by today's mail and will write by the next Steamer of the result.

To day is the anniversary of the Storming of Fort McAllister. The Army came in on the 20th.

Fraternally Yours Jos E. Roy

Savannah, Ga. Dec. 11th 1865

Whereas, there is no Congregational Church in this city; and whereas, the Rev. J. E. Roy, Agent of the Am. Home Mis. Society, now here, represents that, if such an enterprise is undertaken, the said Society will assist in securing & sustaining a good minister, and also that the Am. Cong. Union, in such case, will aid in procuring a House of Worship for the Church;

Therefore, We, the undersigned, upon this condition, agree that we will become members of a Corporate Society to be formed for such a Church and that we will give of our influence and means for its support.

Signed

J. L. Wiley - grocer -
by Wm. L. Peabody Store.
J. W. Clift - Doctr.
C. B. Wight
E. A. Cooley - Teacher.
Anson B. Ives - Store.
Joseph Hamill Commission.
H. P. Bickford do.

W. H. Darlinton Comn.
W. J. Wells - Clerk
Hilton & Randall
Wholesale grocers
James Cox - grocer
Col. H. F. Sickles -
E. S. Nixon, Not to become a member being a member of another Church - in commission business

L. J. Stuart, a member of N. J. Church.
H. M. Kellogg – grocer
R. C. Loveridge – Photographer
J. E. Hayes, Sav. Ga. Republican
Frank S. Hesseltine, Col. –
A. N. Wilson
W. G. Dickson Col.

Many of these are ex-officers of U. S. A. settled in business.

I expect to get more names to day & tomorrow; but I send you this by todays Steamer and will send the original when I get them.

Rev. J. E. Roy
Southern Tour 21

Savannah Ga
Dec 13. 1865

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Savannah -

[Casey, C.C.] AHMS

Savannah, Ga. Dec. 14/65

Rev. Dr Badger,

I wrote you by Wednesday's Steamer while my work here was yet incomplete. Providence has smiled upon our enterprise and now I write late in the evening ready to depart on the morrow to survey that nest of treason at Charleston.

I enclose the original paper, having left here a copy with Mr S. L. Wiley, 188 Congress Street. Of the thirty names twenty are those of ex-officers of U.S.A. Besides these I have left with the brethren a list of twenty names of northern men, several of them Episcopaleans, who will help us when we move off, fourteen of whom are also ex-officers. These make fifty northern men, whom your Agent has buttonholed within a week beside many others who were indifferent.

Most of these are "Adventurers," men of not large capital, requiring in a somewhat precarious condition of public affairs and in the midst of sharp competition, the use of their Capital pretty closely. But they are young and energetic and may come on to wealth and influence. Some of them may be crowded out by the stress of the times.

After searching I got hold of the Disciples, who occupy Firemen's Hall. They are nearly run out, have no preaching, meet once on the Lord's Day, a half dozen of them, and pray and "break bread". Mr Galloway, (Dyer) Cor. Drayton St and York St Lane, their leader, said we could have the Hall in the P.M. & Eve, or, if preferred, he thought they wd take the P.M. & give us the A.M. So then I went back to the Chief and the Clerk and secured a meeting this morning of their Board, who after consultation gave me a paper, of which I send you a copy – not a full contract, for I was not prepared for that, but a pledge on their part of the use of the Hall. As Houses rent here the rent proposed is not unreasonable. As a Hall it is complete – outside plastered in imitation of your brown stone and very neatly done, inside well finished, pleasant, and supplied with two Chandeliers and settees.

As I wrote you it stands upon an open lot in the best part of the city and has no rabble about it. I leave their paper with Bro. Wiley. I told the officers our expectation of starting an enterprise and of needing the Hall, but that it would depend upon the result of immediate correspondence.

All with whom I have spoken favor the purchase of the German Octagon. I have reported to the Planters' Hotel Proprietor of our plan as to an organization and of the prospect of our buying the House, which, however, would depend upon the action of the Society to be formed here and of the Societies at the East. He was in no hurry— would not propose any lower price—but "w^d not take $100,000 for it if it were for the negroes". With the entrance way, the organ loft and belfry, all in the tower and with a gallery around two of the sides it must have been quite capacious. But as to that we need not be in haste.

Several persons have said that they did not want any old worn out or prosy minister, thinking that a missionary enterprise would have to take such a man. I have told them that our policy was to get the best men.

I am fully possessed with the idea that we ought not to lose a day unnecessarily in occupying this field. It is white and ripe for the harvest. And to get a full campaign before the heat we must be in at once. To express my judgment of the feasibility of the enterprise I may say that if the will of God were so I should not hesitate to enter upon it for any want of encouragement, tho I know that it will have hard work before it. Mr Cooley, the Supt. of Education under the A.M.A., suggested that Bro. Pettibone should begin at once awaiting the new minister. I have not encouraged this lest as an old man and rusted by many years of teaching he might not interest the people and they thus become disaffected.

I have told Bro. Pease that we were going on with our scheme, that our people were disinclined to go so far down town and into the Bethel. He seemed satisfied. I am learning to magnify the simple Church of Jesus Christ as the great instrumentality for evangelizing. I do not like to complicate its working.

A Copy of Paper from
the Chief and the Clerk of
the Savannah Fire Companies.

"If it is the wishes of the officers
that the hall shall be rented
to the applicant [J. E. Roy] to
hold service on Sundays
and once a week. The
rent shall be $ 350. per Ann-
um, payable quarterly.
And pay for gas.

C. C. Casey
C. F.

Jas S. Haupt
Clerk S. F. C.

[Roy, Rev. Joseph]-AHMS

[I learn that Hiram Eddy is at Richmond for the A.M.A. I dont believe that that is a work to fill his hands, if it is like bro. Pettibone's here, a city missionary work from house to house. Bro. P. and some of the young lady teachers and some of the men speak very highly of Mr Eddy. As a soldier's preacher he would work well with these soldiers in our church. He is probably as readily to be gained as any good man. From Dr Eddy's letter to New Orleans I judge that Hiram would prefer such a field as this. Will you not pull this string? S. S. N. Greeley would be prized.

I learn here from a New Haven paper that Erastus has *flunked*. It is too bad. I do wish that ministers would stop their coquetery.]

The conviction grows upon me that God is laying upon us vast and solemn and peculiar responsibility in regard to this south. No other organization has any such chance. I have just been reading in "The Monthly Journal", Unitarian, an argument for the superior fitness of that emasculated system to this work. All that is peculiar to their System in relation to the South we have. Then we trust that we have some Religion and the South is the last place to introduce a refined, cold morality for the needs of an emotional people. Ours is just the system to work in here — catholic, liberal, orthodox, staid, reformatory, loyal without discount.

A Rev. Eadie has been here as an agent of the Unitarian Association. I did not see him; but bro. Pettibone said that he had concluded that Savannah was a barren place for him and that he should go on. In all my trampings here I have found only two Unitarians and I have both of their names on my paper. I have found a good many Episcopaleans, most of whom are willing to go into these Secesh Churches, even tho' they had been federal officers. But Col. Robb, a noble man from Chicago, Collector of Direct Tax, goes in with us heartily, tho' he is an Episcopalean of 20 years standing. His wife is a noble woman.

To gain a view of the situation of this city imagine the river running along its northern border and the streets parallel and at right angles. At the crossing of every other street a small "Square" is introduced and filled with trees. At the South side of the city is "The Park," containing ten acres, beautifully supplied with trees &c. Bull Street runs North & South thro the middle of the city to the Park – on this Street are located nearly all the churches of the city. In this Street are the two monuments, one for Pulaski, near which and only one block from the Park, is the German Church.

Hoping soon to hear that you have found a good man for this field,

I am fraternally
Yours
J. E. Roy

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 11th 1865

Whereas, there is no Congregational Church in this city; and Whereas, the Rev. J. E. Roy, Agent of the American Home Missionary Society, now here, represents that, if such an enterprise is undertaken, the said Society will assist in securing and sustaining a good minister, and also that the Am. Congregational Union, in such case, will aid in procuring a House of Worship for the Church:

Therefore, We, the undersigned, agree, upon this condition, that we will become members of a Corporate Society to be formed for such a church, and that we will give of our influence and means for its support.

S. L. Wiley (Grocer) Col. Frank S. Hesseltine, Lawyer
Wm L. P. W. L. Peabody, (Shoes) Maj. A. N. Wilson.
Col. W. G. Dickson Bureau
G. W. Cliff M.D. Rev. # Isa Pettibone
C. B. Wright. Jno. Irwin (Clerk in P.O.) – Member U.P. Church
E. A. Cooley (Teacher) A. H. Robinson (Clerk)
Anson B. Ince (Draper and Tailor) J. W. Shurlock
Joseph F. Hamill (Commission) Geo. L. Lee. Clerk
H. P. G. Bickford (Commission) Col. T. P. Robb (U. S. Collector)
W. H. Darlington (Commission) Louis G. Newell Clerk
W. T. Wells – (Clerk) Orson R. Willard Clerk
Hilton & Randell (Groceries).
James Cox. (Clerk)
Col H. F. Sickles 147th Ill. V.I. – Supt. of Bureau
Cap. E. B. Mixon (Commission), not to become a member, being a member of another church.
Cap. – L. G. Stuart (Grocer) " – a member of the N. J. Church –
D. M. Kellogg (Grocer)
Cap. # R. C. Lovering – Photographer
J. E. Hayes, Editor, "Savh Natl Republican"
Congregationalists with their wives

[illegible] [AUGUSTA] [Dewitt, Jencks C.]

Augusta Ga. Jan. 15, 1866

Rev.
Dr. Coe.
Sec. A.H.M.S.

Dear Bro.

Allow me to introduce myself to you as a Missionary Teacher among the Freedmen, who has labored several months in Savannah and Augusta, under the auspices of the A.M. Assoc.

I am prompted to address you by the information just recieved that you have in view the sending of a Missionary to one of these places, and that my former Pastor, Rev. W.W. Belden, wishes to engage in the work.

In neither of these places is

Rev. J. E. Roy 21½

Southern Tour

Savannah Ga.

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Savannah

S. S. N. Greeley – H. Eddy

Subscription – Citizens

of Savannah –

there a Cong. Church. Need I argue with you to show that if the Church means not to evade their share of that "reconstruction" of Society which is beyond the province of our Statesmen as such, then these things ought not so to be? More than this, there is not a pulpit in either city which represents the great principles of Manhood, intelligence and heaven-ordained industry, for which the swords of our brave ones have opened up the way.

Still again, you are aware of the dissensions in the various denominations, and this is one of the saddest phases of the war, and shows us that though the sword of the warrior has nobly executed its work, there is a moral conflict in which the sword of Truth must be ably wielded, and that, not by men a thousand miles away, but by the best, and most successful veterans, in the Christian army, self-sacrificing men consecrated to the work, who are willing to take the field, go to the front, and there in God's name, do battle for the right.

We are told by the people here, that this is not missionary ground, and they discourage our labors even among the colored people. How can intelligent men, (I will not say Christian men, for common intelligence ought to be sufficient to make this matter clear.) dispute upon the boundaries of the great missionary field, when the Master has said "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel, to every creature."

I have already written more

than is neccessary. but this is a prolific subject. and I beg you will excuse me.

I will only add that I regard Mr. Belden as a gentleman who would worthily represent your Society in this place.

I should be very glad to welcome him as a Co-laborer for the divine Master and His Kingdom. and in any way that I may be of service to you in this matter. I think you will find me ready.

Resptfly & truly.

Dewitt C. Jencks.

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DeWitt C. Jencks
Augusta Ga. Jan 15/66

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In reference to Send-ing Rev. W. W. Belden to Savannah or Augusta

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[Grant, Rev. H. M

Ansd –

Mr. Badger,

Dear Sir,

I arrived in Savannah safely, having had a very pleasant passage: was cordially welcomed by our friends here: preached Sabbath morning to a congregation of fifty of them, nearly all of ~~them~~ whom voted to sustain the enterprise. Last evening we had a business meeting which was quite encouraging in its nature, in which we decided to go on for the present at least. Within a day or two I hope to write you particulars in full. At present I am obliged to be in great haste

in order to get this off by
steamer.

My special object in
writing is to ask you to do
us the kindness to send us
down fifty (50) copies of
some good singing book —
something which will answer
for Congregational singing —
having the hymns & tunes
published in the same book.
The "Plymouth Collection" I do
not like altogether; too much
waste material in it.
"The Book of Praise" compiled
by Dr. Kirk of Boston I have
a good opinion of, though I
am not much acquainted
with it.

The Congregational "Hymn
& Tune-book" is very good
indeed; though I believe not
the most recent publication

There is a new work just published — or about to be — compiled by Rev. Chas. Robinson of Brooklyn — aſsisted if I remember rightly by Dr. Thompson of N-York, & Theo. Cuyler of Brooklyn. I know nothing of the merits of the work — except that it *ought* to be good.

Then there is another new work, compiled by Leonard Bacon — son of Dr. Bacon of New Haven.

Please send us by return steamer fifty copies of what you consider *the best* book for our uses, charging the same to me. Addreſs the books please to F. J. Heſseltine, Savannah Geo. Be so good as to forward them ~~to~~ at once, as we are

Treasurer.

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very greatly [illegible]

All communications to me should be addressed to box 777 Savannah P.O. I am sorry to write you in such haste.

Very Truly Yours
Henry M. Grant.

P.S. We need a large bible for our desk. Will not the Bible Soc. donate one? If not, please purchase one on my account + oblige

Yours
H. M. G.

Rev Henry M. Grant
Savannah Ga
1866

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His arrival at
S. wishes some
Hymn books &
a bible

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[Grant, Rev. Henry M.]

Savannah Geo March 27th /66

Dear Mr. Badger,

I am happy to report that the box containing the Pulpit-bible, & the Sabbath Hymn & Tune books, arrived by the "Flambeau" yesterday, Rev. Mr. Clapp's letter in regard to them having been previously received. We are much obliged to all concerned for your kindness & promptness in attending to our wants; & shall endeavor to show our gratitude by faithfully using the books in the good cause.

You have undoubtedly expected from me, ere this, a fuller report

than I have yet given you as to
what we are doing for the success
of our church enterprise. I feel
that I need more time for observation
& reflection before I can present its
prospects definitely. Of one thing
however I have not a doubt, viz,
that such an enterprise is greatly
needed, if it can be sustained.
There are churches enough here, with
a very able ministry; but they are
rebel to the back bone, & turn a cold
shoulder upon all Northerners. To
illustrate this, Mr. Landrums church
-Baptist- is regarded as approaching

nearest to being loyal – though it is ſtill very far from it. Yet neither people nor Pastor will have anything to do with Rev. Dr. Ripley, a very lovely man, once Professor in the Newton Theo. Sem. who is engaged here in the very laudable work of teaching the colored preachers how better to perform their duties. Dr. R., though so eminent a man in the Baptist denomination, has never been called upon by Mr. Landrum even to offer prayer; & I verily believe that were he to pray most of the Congregation would leave the house.

some of our friends, who had been influential church members elsewhere had not for months attended church anywhere here; for the simple reason, as they themselves expressed it; that they could not stand it so. Others who went from a sense of duty were never made at home: few welcomed them or even spoke to them.

For such as these our church enterprise seems a necessity. Then, too, there are many young men here from Northern families, enterprising, intelligent, some of them reared in the faith, who, unless they are won over to T.

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will speedily be lost to his cause forever; so that, whatever may be the future of our church, I am prepared to say that for some time to come Savannah should be occupied as a Missionary field.

And now a word as to the prospects for permanency of the church itself: The principal difficulty in the way of giving you definite views upon this, is, that we cannot tell what an hour may bring forth. I have preached for three Sabbaths to an audience of from 60 to 75 in number, some of whom are hungering & thirsting after the right sort of gospel privileges; & will be our staunch friends. A more interesting Congregation of its size one could hardly find anywhere; And were I sure that they all would remain here & could be kept together I would recommend the building of a church edifice at once. But there are not in this no. more than 4 or 5 families - having children. ~~[illegible]~~. Add to these six or eight married couples — & the no. of the domesticated is complete. All the rest, male & female are single, & some of them undoubtedly transient.

I purpose very soon canvassing the city to find out how many of its "Yankee" population consider themselves as permanently fixed here; & who can be relied upon as whole souled in their devotion to the church enterprise.

I sometimes hear such remarks as these "You know, Mr. Grant, most of those who come down here come to make money, & are quite willing to let church matters go over the shoulder." (Too true with many)

"The harvest-time for the Yankees in Savannah is past. So long as the Reb. merchants had no stock the Yanks had it all their own

but now that the old traders are

getting on their feet again their

former customers are returning to

them & leaving the Yankees in the

lurch. Some of them are hardly

paying their way now; & it only

requires a touch of Cholera here, or

something else to give them a scare,

& there will be the greatest crowd

that you ever saw of disgusted

Yanks emigrating North never to

return here again." (It remains

to be seen how much truth there

is in this.) "I venture to say

Gr. Grant, that except New-Orleans there is no city in the U.S. with so much Aristocratic feeling in it as the city of Savannah; & some of the Northerners who come down here think they must put on the most airs of any". (Here is my greatest fear thus far – that we have the oil & water to unite among our own number: this was one of the first things which was forced upon my notice.)

Mr. Roy, while he did his duty well, gave the most hopeful view of matters here that they will at present bear. Of the persons whose names he gave us, some have already left town — among them Mr. Wiley his chief counsellor & a staunch friend to the cause. Others, it cannot be denied, cannot be relied on as hearty in their devotion to us. They said to me before we had met together at all, that they doubted the expediency of organizing a new church. Others for the sake of trade will fail to identify themselves with us. Others still, wish us well, & will contribute when called upon to our support, but because of sectarian proclivities or for other reasons will seldom meet with us. Others from pure pride, because it is "the day of small things" with us will keep aloof. Then you know we have nothing to hope for at present outside of the Yankee element. All Southerners will let us severely alone.

Such is perhaps the darker side of our picture; for it has a dark & a bright side too. Time & faithful effort will tell better what can be done. Be assured, whatever in truthfulness I may feel bound to say to you, that I shall labor for the true success of the cause. We are doing well thus far; & perhaps it is not wise to attempt to forestall the future by our judgments. It *may* be bright. God only knows. Wise legislation & prosperous harvests may bring a tide of Northern emigration here in the fall. We are doing good now. We can afford to wait. In the meantime prayer & the Spirit of God in our midst may break down some of our many middle walls of partition & make us to be more & more one in Christ.

I will endeavor to keep you informed very frequently of how matters go with us.

With kindest regards

Very Truly Yours

Henry M. Grant.

Rev. Henry M Grant
Savannah. Ga
March 27. 1866

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Books: in reference
his field in S.

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A. P. Ketchum, Savannah, Ga.
June 12/67.

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A Minister needed at
Beaufort, S.C.

[SAVANNAH]

[Ketchum, A.P.]

Savannah Ga
June 12th 1867—

My dear Sir—

I expect to leave here to-morrow morning for St. Simons Island, but before starting am anxious to give you an idea of the impressions I received at Beaufort.

The new Congregation have a neat and convenient place for their services—the upper part of the arsenal building, now held and controlled by the Freedmen's Bureau. They will be able I think to retain it for some time to come. They are also supplied with a good parlor organ. What they need is a good minister, and I hope your society will be able to send them me. Since the ministers who helped them during the Winter have left the town, and a layman officiates as best he could by reading a sermon each Sabbath morning the Congregation has fallen away from 100 to about 30. If, however they can be supplied with a good man by the beginning of Sept. or thereabouts the church, I believe, will be greatly prospered and prove an entire success. About $600 can be raised in Beaufort towards paying the minister's yearly salary

In haste

Yours very truly
A. P. Ketchum

Rev. D. B. Coe, D.D.
Sec. &c—

you can conveniently answer;

I remain

Yours truly

E. E. Rogers.

Rev E. E. Rogers

Macon Ga. July 2nd/70

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Wants a field of labor.

Ansd

[Rogers, Rev. E.E.]

Ans'd / [MACON]

Macon, Ga, July 25th, 1872

Secretaries of H. M. Society.
Dear Sirs.

Will you give me a field of labor in the West under the Home Miss. Society. I have been employed by the A. M. Association, since I graduated from Yale Seminary, three years ago. My work here, as pastor of the Cong. ch. in Macon has been prospered. We have had revival seasons every year, and the membership has been increased from 35 (the no. when I came) to 93 persons.

I think a change of pastors can be made now without injury to the church.

I have said nothing to the Officers of the A. M. Association about changing my field of labor; and do not wish to drop the work here, until I find another, and an enlarged field of usefulness opening before me.

I would like to make the change at once — if I have an appointment from you, to

begin labor about the
first of October.
I have a wife and
two children, and am
34 years old.
I expect to go cheerfully
where you send me,
but shall be especially
pleased to be sent to ~~have~~ Iowa,
~~as~~

If you ask why I
wish to leave this
field of labor, I answer
I have a great desire
to change climate,
and I think also,
I can see a wider
field of usefulness
opening before me
in the great Northwest
Expecting to hear from
you, as soon as

[Bassett, Stephen]-AHMS 1

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X Fort Valley Ga. April 4th 1892.

Rev. J. B. Clark:

Dear Brother:

I beg leave to submit this my annual report, ending March 1st 1892. As this is my first report, since I have assumed the duties of Superintendent, and have only acted in that capacity four months, it will be out of my power to make the report full, as it should be, but I will do the very best I can, under the circumstances, and as I have met you, and formed your acquaintance at Riverdale, I prefer to make my reports directly to you, for I flatter myself, that you will attribute any informality in my reports, to an error of the head, and not of the heart, for I assure you, my heart, is in this work, but to the point. I will report facts, as far as I have been able up to this time to ascertain them.

Names of churches that have reached self-support: One has declared itself able to pay its pastor without aid. viz. Prospect Church, Marion Co. Ala Hackleburg P.O. Pastor, James W. Coleman. Bear Creek District Conference.

Houses of worship built and where?

(one). Viz. Mount Pisgah, in Barbour county Ala.
Good framed wooden building, Material yellow pine.
completed December last.

Houses of worship building and where?

(One). Mount Pisgah, Chambers co Ala, Fredonia P. O.
Will be a very good house when completed, which will be by 15th May next.
Material, yellow pine and well built.

Houses of worship repaired and where?

(Two) 1st Bethany Church, Phoenix City, Lee Co Ala,
ceiled overhead and walls.
2nd Equality, Central P. O. Elmore Co. Ala.
House made almost as good as new.

Churches organized and where?

(Four) 1st Clanton Congregational church, Chilton Co. Ala.,
a membership of 30 or more, no house of worship,
worshipping at present in the Baptist church, are making an effort to build a church. Clanton is the county site of Chilton county, a town of 1000 inhabitants, on the L. & N. R. R. (and fifteen C. M. Churches reorganized, & doing well.)

2nd Delmar, on the Sheffield & Birmingham R, R.

a growing little R.R. town, the church numbers 12 or 13. No church house yet. This church is in Winston Co. Ala.

3rd At Trinity Station East Tenn, Memphis & Charleston R.R. near Decatur. The church is called Friendship, about 15 members. Though small at present, but if looked after and nursed, will develop into a good, church which is true of all these churches, being organized in these railroad towns. This church is in Lawrence Co. Ala.

4th Mt. Pisgah in Barbour Co. The same one named as having completed a new house of worship. The membership is larger than the others already named. The church is located in a thriving community.

Revivals and where?

We have had revivals at most of our churches in Ala. I will mention specially, Phoenix City. They seem to be growing faster in numbers, and spiritual life, than any church I know. They need a larger, and better house of worship, and will try to build one. They would have done so before now, but are not able yet, to build such a house as they desire, and ought to have.

The meeting in Clanton, when our church was organized, was not only a revival for us, but it caused the other churches in town, to take on new life.

Equality church and Mount Olive in Elmore co. both had gracious revivals last summer, also Morgans Chapel in the Troy District, where the U. C. Conference was held, was greatly revived, growing out of the Conference being held there.

All the churches that have united with us, (with a few exceptions, where parties belonging to other denominations, have industriously & mischievously misrepresented us) have had gracious revivals, and a goodly number has been added to the church, to give the exact number I cannot. This is the part of my report, which is not full as it should be. I am trying, as best I can, to educate our brethren in Ala, to give more attention to all reports required by The Home Missionary Soc. & National Council. It is going to take time, patience, perseverance, and no little amount of hard work to accomplish this much desired object. This kind of work has been wofully neglected, by the Congregational Methodist churches in past years, which is the one great cause, of their being so little known of them in other sections.

I have heard of no parsonages being built the past year in Ala, in fact, I do not know of a parsonage for our pastors in the state, except at Shelby. As to the installation of pastors, we have had none, our people call & elect their pastors as they did before the union. If I ever saw a field white for the harvest, it is in Ala. We need more ministers, who are better adapted to the work. I am happy to state that some are coming from the M. E. Church. But we need a theological training school for young white ministers, such as there is at Talladega for colored people, who feel that they are divinely impressed, to preach the gospel, intelligent young men with good minds, who feel embarrassed, because their education does not justify them to go before the public as teachers. I mean such a school as brother E. A. Berry has been trying to build up at Fort Payne, and *that* is a good point for such a college. Brothers Witherly & Clark, think that Shelby is the place, it being about the center of the state, and their church being large enough to use at the present for such purpose. The location is indeed, a fine one, healthy as any in the state. I think the church there, cost some 12 or 15 thousand dollars, the membership is small. I think that place has the advantage of any that I know for such a purpose. The scenery around Shelby is beautiful. As far as Ala is concerned, the Gate is open for us to go in and possess the land for Christ and Congregationalism. Are we, as christian workers, equivalent to the task?

It is true the times are harder than it has been for a half century down here, but it could be worse. We are not starving for bread, as they are in Russia, but it may come to that, if we fail to give the people the bread of life, I mean the gospel in its purity. The work already done by, and under the direction of our noble Home Missionary Society, is having quite a salutary effect upon the moral and spiritual tone of society in the localities we have been able to reach. The Methodist & Baptist were in Ala, as in Ga, at the first settling of the country, and most of the wealthy people, who are members of any church, are members of these two leading denominations, and they seem to assume the position that the country belongs to them by right of priority, something like the A. M. A.

people are, in regard to our beloved Home Missionary Society, they seem to think we are innovators. Yet none of these come near occupying the field, or reaching the masses of the common people. The Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterians do not, by far, reach the masses of the whites, neither do the A. M. A. people reach the masses of the colored people, they only reach a very few, and it costs them a great deal to reach those few. The masses of the colored peopl join colored denominations, one of which, is under the supervision of the M. E. Church South. I mean they instruct them, and tell them what to do. I call your attention to statistics, how many churches and members can they count, both in Ga & Ala, though they have worked a quarter of a century, and spent large sums of money, they are but a handfull compared, with the great masses of the colored people. I am a friend to the colored peopl, who were once, many of them, slaves to northern men, shipped down south, and sold for money to southern men, and afterwards slaves to southern people, but now, thank God, are slaves to no one, and are enjoying all the freedom that white people enjoy, and even more in some localities, & it is with them, as with the whites. We should adopt the wisest methods ~~of~~ to reach them morally and religiously, and I do not, honestly believe, the A. M. A. brethren have been, up to this time, adopting the wisest methods and means, to do these people, who are here in our midst, the most good, morally & spiritually, to say nothing of politics, which I for one, think should be left out of our church work. But from what I have observed recently at Talladega, and in the annual meeting of the association I attended in Montgomery last week, our brethren of the association, have begun to learn wisdom by experience, and living here among us, have learned to let these vexed questions adjust themselves, and not force them, which they will certainly do, if we will all use wisdom, justice & moderation. Indeed, they are adjusting themselves much faster now, than in the past, and I here again assert, that our union of churches, has done, and is doing more, to allay, smooth over, and harmonize things which once seemed to be impossible, than all that politics & politicians have done in the last quarter of a century. Let us, dear brethren, persevere in this good work. Now let the American Home Missionary Society, expend the same amount of money, expended by the A. M. A. Society in Ala, and in a few years, the state will be largely Congregational, and the fruit of our efforts will appear by the conversion of thousands of souls into the kingdom(9) of the Lord, and the Congregational church, in a few years, will take its stand alongside of the strongest denominations down here, and as it has done in the North, make itself felt in progressive christian work, in every department, where good is to be accomplished.

List of Missionaries & money expended by the Society last year.

Berry E. A. Fort Payne 6 months	$ 500.00
Clark A. T. Shelby " " "	450.00
Culpepper L. P. Mount Jefferson 12 months	75.00
Gunn E. B. Liberty " " " "	75.00
Kimbell J. E. Mount Olive " " "	50.00
McCain Tallassee & Equality " " " "	125.00
Partridge L. C. Gate City " " "	800.00
Wells A. C. Clanton 4 churches " " "	300.00
Wells W. A. Wells Chapel " " "	75.00
Bassett S. E. 12 months, part in Ala. and part in Ga. traveling expences and	900.00
East W. R. Evangelist 9½ months to March 1st & traveling expences.	475.00
Stallings J. J. ... 9 months to March 1st & traveling expences	540.00
The above named expences is about	500.00
Total	4865.00

The above report is about correct according to the best information could gather on the field and statement sent me by bro. Gale some months ago. ~~Brother Stalling's Exct's and my own traveling expenses when added to the above, would make it about five hundred dollars more, and~~ if I could have had time to make another trip over the state, I could have sent up a report exact in every particular, but this report is almost exact in every particular, and exactly so in many, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Stephen E. Bassett, Supt.

[Bassett, Rev. S.E.](-AHMS)

Fort Valley Ga. Dec. 13, 1892.

Rev. Wm. Kincaid:

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 9th inst received enclosing check for $215.33 A day or two before I got yours, I received from A. H. Clapp a check on Mechanic's Savings bank of Hartford for $200.00 endorsed by him for the A. H. M. S., of course you understand all this.

I carefully note all that you say in regard to Dr. A. O. Tucker's case, and enclse true copies of the written certificates of bro's Culpepper, Lindley, Prescott and Rutland, the three first named are ministers and two of them viz: Prescott and Lindley live in the Lineville District. The last named a prominent layman of Mount Pisgah congregational church; all of them are men well thought of in their

Rv. J. E. Bassett 16635

Ft Valley Ga. Apr 4/92

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neighborhoods, and I believe are christians. I could have got others, but these were sufficient as two of them live in the Lineville Dist, and the other two went with Dr. Tucker, and all of them are his friends, and have nothing personal against him, and acquainted with all the facts. I would have endorsed, perhaps, for the payment of Dr. Tucker's claim before now, had not such reports come to my ears for I entertain no bad feelings to-wards him. As you say, "there must have been some kind of an engagement between him and brother Gale", as letters in Dr. Tucker's possession received from bro. Gale seem to indicate. I have never gotten or asked the consent of bro. Gale to send up to you his letters in regard to Dr. Tucker's case and the Lineville District, as I very much dislike to discuss, or call in question the acts of my predecessor. The most important letter from him, I have either lost or mislaid. I will, however, send you a quotation or true copy of what he said to me in his first letter, when he turned over the Ala. port-folio to me soon after my appointment as Supt. This copy I send, may possibly aid you in coming to a just conclusion in the final adjustment in this knotty case. After what I herein send you, I feel confident you will know how to dispose of the matter. I have put myself to considerable trouble to get at these facts, which are now before you, and if it is the decision of the Society that I should endorse for the payment of bro Tuckers claim, I will not hesitate to do so, feeling that I have done my whole duty in the matter. I suppose ~~it is~~ one of the duties enjoined upon the Supt. of each state is to get at facts concerning similar cases to this, which I have done in a charitable spirit, and have endeavored to manage it so, as not to give offence to any of the parties concerned, for the Savior said on one occasion, "woe to the world because of offences, and woe be to the man by whom the offence cometh".

I found out in conversing with other Superintendents at the National Council, that they have cases similar to this. I can, and will manage all such cases in a prudent way, also in a true christian spirit, if the secretaries and other officers of the Society stand square up to me, which I have no doubt they will, and know well how to do it.

Below is an exact quotation of what bro. Gale said in reference to Dr. Tucker's extra work.

" Rev. A. C. Tuckers report. At the Morgan's Chapel, consultation with him, I did not instruct him to go on. As he had already done most of the quarter's work, work I mean, not covered by his commission. I said to him that I would not take the responsibility of saying any more than that if he did the work, and the results were good, the union of the churches of the Lineville Dist. I would recommend a fair settlement."

Brother Gale said further on in the same letter: "I did send in his report for this extra work, with my recommendation."

My position has been and is now, that this matter should have been settled between Bro. Gale, & bro Tucker, as it all occurred before I was appointed Supt. Bro. Tucker is now under commission from the Society to serve Mt. Pisgah and Mt. Jefferson churches until April 1st 1893. At the U. C. Conference he requested me to recommend the Society to pay him in advance or as soon after the Conference as I could communicate with you: all that was voted for these two churches this year which I declined to recommend, telling him that the Society was not accustomed to pay for work before it was done. Bro. Tucker has not served Mt. Pisgah church since June last. Bros Lindley & Prescott have been acting as pastor since then. Bro. Tucker says he had a private understanding with Lindley that he, Lindley should do the work and he, Tucker, should draw the pay from the Society under his commission, & brother Lindley take for his services what the church had pledged to pay. Bro. Prescott is serving the church at this time, as I hear. I will go up soon & look into the matter.

Will the society ~~settle~~ consent to settle this claim of ~~with~~ brother Tucker's under these circumstances.

I will write you to-morrow in regard to the Ala. churches & their pastors, P.O. &c- and give a rough estimate of what I think is the least we could get along on, and do all the work needed next year, i.e. from April 1st 1893, to April 1st 1894.

Write me soon. Yours sincerely,

S. E. Bassett.

[Bassett, Rev. S. E.] - AHMS

Fort Valley Ga. Dec. 27. 1892

Rev. Wm Kincaid:

Dear Brother:

Enclosed please find a true copy of a letter received from Dr. W. W. Rutland a practicing physician, and a worthy member of Mt. Pisgah Congregational church of Fredonia P.O. Chambers County Ala. Mt. Pisgah is situated near the line of Ga. and Dr. Rutland lives near the line of Ala and Ga on the Ga side, near Crowder P.O. Ga.

I have no comments to make in regard to this letter, or Dr. Tucker. The secretaries and brethren in New York will know what to do with this case, as this letter speaks for itself. This letter came to me, without solicitation confidentially and it will remain so, outside of the Society unless it becomes absolutely necessary to

S. E. Bassett
Ft Valley, Ga
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do otherwise. I shall take special care of the original.

I wrote you not long since in regard to Rev. T. M. Lindley and Dr. Tucker's misunderstanding in regard to the $75.00 voted by the Society for Mt. Pisgah church this year. This matter seems likely to create more trouble, that case is what Dr. Rutland refers to in his letter.

Sincerely Yours,
S. E. Bassett.

Crowder Ga.
Dec. 22, 1892

Rev. S. C. Bassett
Fort Valley Ga.

Dear Sir & Bro;

I wrote you to inform you that Rev. Dr. Tucker was up in Mt. Pisgah settlement some days ago trying to make arrangements to draw $175.00 for missionary work done in Linville Dist last year, and he said while there that he intended to have the money from the Society. Rev. Tucker only preached twice there and lectured once, and he should not be allowed to draw pay for nothing done. He was to get $175.00 from the Society for his work at Mt. Pisgah this year, but as he did not preach there, we think he should not have it. He promised Rev. T. M. Lindley that if he would take charge of the church, he would give him the $75.00 coming from the Society, but now Tucker says, he must have the money himself. Brother Bassett, this is confidentially to you.

I think Rev. Tucker should be looked after in regard this matter.

Very truly yours,
W. W. Rutland, M. D.

S. E. Bassett
Ft. Valley Ga
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[Bassett, Rev. S.F.]

Fort Valley Ga Dec 30th 1892

Rev Wm Kincaid:

Ansd

Dear Brother:

This is to inform you that I have seen bro Gale, bro McDaniel bro Stallings, and bro Jones. We held a Conference at "Lone Oak", in my parlor, this week. my house being Middle ground for all of us. The object of our Meeting was to lay plans for 1893, for the three states of Ala, Fla, & Ga, in order that we may act in unison, and fully understand each others plan of operations, also that we might do more work, and better work for the Master in 1893 than we have in 1892, though we all thought we had done about the best we could this year, but Paul says tribulation worketh patience, and patience experince. So we will endeavor to profit by the experience of this year and be more progressive as well as more aggressive next year, besides it was a sort of spiritual feast for us in the holidays for we had services at our church here, notwithstanding there was snow on the ground three inches deep, an unusual thing in this latitude. While together, we discussed many of the Knotty problems that we, of the South, have to contend with, among other things, the case of Rev A. O. Tucker came up / bro Gale asserts emphatically the same thing he said to me at Union Springs the day after Dr Tucker claims that he, Gale, employed him, & the same he wrote me afterwards that he Gale never employed him to travel longer in the Lineville Dist, or encouraged him farther than to tell him that if he succeeded in briging the Lineville District into Union with us, as the other Districts of the State had come in, that the Society would do right by him, and nothing more definite than that was agreed to by bro Gale, so he tells me again, brother Stallings has recently traveled over the Lineville District, enclosed please find his, and W. M. McKays certificates, I send bro Stallings certificate just as he wrote it with his own hand & by his own request, I send an exact copy of. W. M. McKays, please keep on file bro Stallings certificate and do not let it get lost, or mislaid.

In my official capacity I feel it my duty to put you and the Society in possession of these facts, not that I have any disire ~~to~~ whatever to harm or injure Dr Tucker in any way, for I have no ill will toward him, or anything against him personally. Dr. Tucker's wife is a most excellent woman, and totally blind; if the Society had a mind to make them a donation, taking into consideration there was some sort of arrangment between him and bro Gale, it might be well, suffice it to say that I believe bro Gale' statement made to me, as above stated, bro Stallings informs me that he can get many more certificates like those already sent you, if necessary. Without farther comment in regard to this very, to me, unpleasant case, I leave the Society to do in their Godly Judgement what they think best.

Please send two dozen blank applications for Pastors or rather Churches when you write me. I want the Society to try Ala one year with a ten thousand dollar appropriation, brother Biggers thinks we can organize a church in

Montgomery the Capital of Ala. I have thought the same thing of both Birmingham and Montgomery, these are the two most important interior Cities of the State, and are to Ala, what Atlanta and Macon are to Ga. If we had the funds I would employ two General Missionaries in Ala as that kind of work is much needed in the State. And Ala is the State in which to push things in 1893.

Write me on all important topics, I think you will always find me wide awake, and abreast with the times, and ready to pitch into anything thats good ~~asat~~ that I fully comprehend. My plan allthrough life, however, has been to make haste slow, and first know I am right, and then go ahead. A grand opportunity seldom swings around the second time, wisdom always embraces it the first time it's presented. Rest assured, dear brother now is our time to capture Ala for Christ and Congregationalism, let us be wise to know our day.

Fraternally, S. E. Bassett. Supt Ala

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Mrs. H E Newton
Atlanta
Ga.

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[Newton, Mrs. H. E.]

Dear Mrs. Barrows
yours kind letter at hand informing us that you have a disscripsion of My family. I prais the dear Lord for that. My Husband was in Charg of Two Country Churches when we fowarded the application and has since then accepted a Call to Plesent hill Ch. in the City of Atlanta. So he has his hands full. for they are all New Churches and of Corse he does not realise Much Saleray. Now I will enlever to Comply with your request and shall name such Things as we Most Need. Suits for the Boys for Winter also under ware for them and My Husband

S. E. Bassett
Ft. Valley, Ga.
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[Shaw, Rev. W.]

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Rev Joseph B. Clark. Sec'y
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Dear Bro;

Enclosed find postal note for 20 Cents for two Copies of the proceedings of the Washington Meeting. I have just returned from the Broad River District Conference, held near Comer. Madison Co. Ga I also attended the Flint River Conference, we had very good meetings, I can see a great improvement being manifested among the people, a more earnest desire to enjoy a "daily Experience of God's devine Spirit, and less of an annual Camp Meeting Experience, I take great liberty in Speaking on the "Giving" side of our profession, and while they dont get very enthusiastic over it, Yet. I am glad to see them think, I tell them publicly that the financial question, should come up monthly and should be prayerfully considered, and not be passed over as it is generally done. We are making progress. along this line, but to slow to suit me, Yours very sincerely

Rev William Shaw.

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as Table and Bed ware. Will be
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Mrs H. E. Newton
Oct 27th 1892

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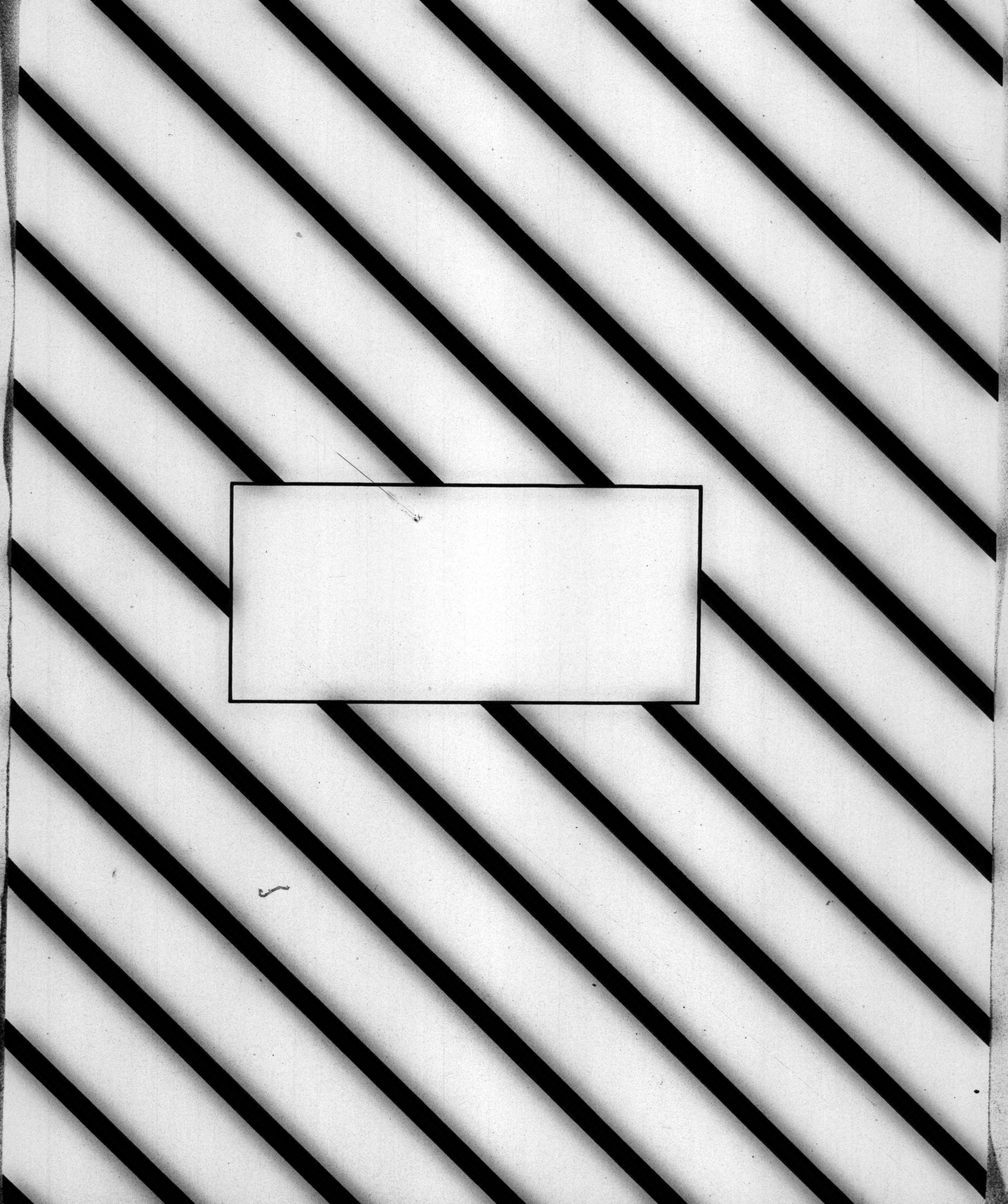

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[Bassett, Stephen E.]
[AHMS]

(1) Fort Valley Ga. Feb 23, 1893.

To the Secretaries of the A. H. M. S.

Dear Brethren:

I beg leave to submit my report for this quarter beginning Dec. 1st 1892, and ending March 1st 1893. As you will discover, from the amount of stationary used, I spent the first part of the quarter in correspondence, endeavoring through the mails to urge our churches and pastors to respond to their annual contributions, and statistics for the Year Book. But I found out this mode of proceedure would not secure full collections & reports. Hence I found it necessary to travel in person and visit the churches and hold meetings as I went.

I left home about the middle of January when the snow, and sleet was at its worst, and spent about one month in hard travel and work along on that line, and have reason to believe I did much good.

At the same time, I instructed Gen Missionary Stallings to apply himself diligently to the same kind of work during the month, which he has done. What money I collected in person, I turned over to the Missionaries where I collected it, and instructed them to report the same to the Society, when they sent up their monthly or quarterly reports.

The ten dollars I collected at Rose Hill, I turned over to Rev. J. J. Stallings with the understanding that he would report about it the first of this month.

It is unnecessary for me to repeat what I have already written in previous letters, about the stringency of the times, especially in regard to money, there seems to be scarcely any, in many places where I travel.

Many people who seem to be doing well, have no money and in many instances their homes are mortgaged, and every thing else they have, even their crops before they are planted. By the time the goods they use reaches them, they pay three prices for them, and many of these people I know, work hard from morning until night, and I am sorry for them. Their children are being brought up in comparative ignorance, and they can't help it. It's true that it is much better in the towns, villages and cities, where the people are better off & better provided with educational facilities. But the bulk of our population live in the country, and are an agricultural people, and can't help the condition of affairs with which they are surrounded.

The low price of what they produce, and the high price of what they buy, keep them poor, and in debt. I travel among them, and know whereof I speak.

The above is the true situation as it really exists at the present time, and what our duty as a christian denomination is, to the young and rising generation here, should most interest us.

How to benefit, save, and carry the gospel to the poor, is the all absorbing question with me at this time. True wisdom is to adopt

the best means, to accomplish the best ends, and that is what I intend to devote the balance of my life to.
I am sorry indeed that our apportionment is no larger, but I suppose, my dear brethren, you have done the best you could, for us, under the circumstances, and I am resolved under God to recommend, and apply it, where it will accomplish the most good. Pray for me that I may have wisdom given me from above thus to do.

Please find below an itemized account

Salary for this quarter, beginning Dec. 1st 1892, & ending March 1st 1893.	250. 00.
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Less one hundred dollars from the M. S. of Hartford advanced on this quarter through the A. H. M. S.	100. 00
Due - - - - -	$182. 51

Please remit.

Stephen E. Bassett, Supt. for Ala.

[Bassett, Stephen]
(AHMS)

Fort Valley Ga. April 15th 1893.

Rev. Wm Kincaid:

Dear Brother:

Your favors of recent date have been received, contents duly noted. Thanks for my invitation to the Saratoga meeting, and will certainly be there if not providentially prevented.

I trust that nothing will hinder you from making a visit to Ga & Ala in the summer, I regret you could not come earlier, but it may be better for you to come to some of our Conferences as you suggested. Whenever you do come, rest assured that you will meet with a cordial welcome from myself and all the brethren.

The letter you enclosed from W. F. Smith Opelika Ala. I will say in reply, that I have never heard of such

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Rev. J. E. Bassett, ~~Ala~~

Ft Valley ~~Ga~~. Feb/93
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a man, and I am well acquainted with all the Congregationalists in that county. Though the letter does not state to what church he belongs. I have not heard of a cyclone passing through Opelika, and I hav letters from there every week.

I will send applications from some of the brethren for aid ^soon and am sorry I cannot recommend the amount they call for, but the apportionment has bee divided to the best of my ability.

I will leave on to-morrow for a trip to Ala, I may be gone several week and if you do not receive answers to you letters promptly, you will know the cause.

Sincerely yours,

S. E. Bassett.

Dear Brother:

Yours of 11th inst has been received and what was decided in regard to Rev. A. O. Tucker, meets with my approval. S. E. B.

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[Bassett, Stephen]
[AHMS]

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Fort Valley Ga. April 29, 1893.

Rev. Wm Kincaid:

Dear Brother:-

On my return from Ala, I received your favors of 13th, 15th and 19th inst. In regard to the $15.00 that was recommended for Rev. W. J. Robertson, Concord church, I did intend for this application to be like the others, for twelve months.

I thank you for your kind suggestions, and will endeavor to send up applications in the future as directed.

Yours of 15th informing me that the debt of the Society had been paid off is very gratifying to me.

If not providentially prevented, I will be at the Saratoga meeting, May 29th.

According to your request, I will suggest the topic I would like to have discussed at the meeting, as it is a theme which lies very near my heart. The subject is this: Congregationalism

Rev. S. E. Bassett, 12823
Ft. Valley,
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Respecting Annual Meeting
" Rev. W. F. ~~[illegible]~~
Smith.

in the South, possibilities of its permanent development in Alabama, from a northern stand-point. What time is allowed one to talk in the meeting. I will give my views on this subject, from a southern stand-point, however, not in a spirit to provoke unpleasant discussion. I enclose an application for brother Estes. On the 28th March, I sent up according to the form you sent me, a recommendation for Rev. F. J. Estes $50.00 in addition to the $300.00 he had received for 14 months.

For Rev. J. M. Gibson who served three churches last year	$75.00
.. .. Turner Wright .. .. two	50.00
Rev. T. B. Haynie who served 4 churches since Jan 1st 1893	25.00
.. W. J. Thrasher who served one church last year	25.00
The above named additional amount for bro Estes	50.00
Total. . . .	$225.00

This absorbed all of the old apportionment for Ala.

I surely mailed you the letter, on date above named. I wonder why you did not get it?

Very truly yours, S. E. Bassett.

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Rev. S. E. Bassett,
Ft. Valley,
Ga.

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Fort Valley Ga. 5-2-1893.

Rev. Wm Kincaid:

Dear Brother:-

On my way to the meeting, May 29th, it is my purpose to go to the Bible House, New York, and would like to go in company with you (or one of the secretaries) to Saratoga. Your time will be very much pressed while at the meeting, and I would like to talk with you as we go.

Please let me know at what date it would be best, for me to reach New York. Let me hear from you by return mail. Yours very truly,

S. E. Bassett.

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Rev. S. E. Bassett,
Ft. Valley,
Ga.

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Respecting applications." Topic for discussion at Annual Meeting.

[Bassett, Stephen]-AHMS]

Fort Valley Ga. May 24, 1893.

Secretaries of the A. H. M. S.
Dear Brethren:

I beg leave to submit this my report, for second quarter, beginning March 1st, and ending June 1st 1893.

I have taken one long and tedious trip in each month, during the quarter, the object of which was, to build up our churches, instruct and educate them in regard to the work of our benevolent societies, and the relation each of them bears to the church. I also explained and made satisfactory arrangements with the churches and pastors, respecting the aid each of them is to receive from the American Home Missionary Society, and satisfied them.

Nearly all the churches in Ala seem to understand, and take in the situation fully, what a task a superintendent has, when he undertakes to adjust matters so as to please every body.

Once in a while we come in contact with a preacher that is cranky and hard to satisfy, but on my field, this is the exception and not the rule. You will know them by their fruits, such parties will complain at almost every thing, and write up to the society, and try to work up opposition to the Superintendent among the other pastors and churches, imagining, that by such tactics, the society will give them larger money, and grant them favors they would not otherwise receive. But in my short experience as superintendent, I have adopted the 35-th verse, of the 6th chapter of Luke as my invariable rule, which is, to be kind to the unthankful and the evil, and never retaliate.

I am always firm in a thing I know to be right, and by following this rule strictly, we can eventually overcome opposition, and make friends of those, who oppose us in our work of labor of love. For me to apply this good bible rule in Ala. the society will have to continue to put confidence in the judgement of their Supt. for Ala, and back him up, as they have done in the past.

I visited during this quarter, the school known as the colored Normal and Industrial Institute, for training colored young men and women at Tuskegee Ala. in company with Mr. Campbell, a leading Baptist, and cashier of Macon county bank at Tuskegee, with whom the state funds of this school is deposited. He is also president of the board of state commissioners. We had a conference with B. T. Washington, the principal of the above named school, and Rev. Mr. Penny the pastor of the Congregational church.

I obtained reliable information from these gentlemen, as I also did from Dr. Massey, President of the white female college at Tuskegee, in regard to the management of this normal school. The one verdict from all of these brethren, both white and colored, (they being officials and representative men in the Methodist, Baptist, and Congregational denominations,) that the colored people taught in this school, are more polite and well behaved to-wards their white neighbors than others, and are making good, useful, and selfsustaining citizens. The school is considered by every body, both white and colored, a blessing to that part of the state, and the white people will help sustain it. This state of affairs is attributable to the wise and prudent management of the principal, Mr. B. T. Washington, and Rev. Mr. Penny the Congregational pastor of the church, both of which are level headed conservative colored men, and are on the best of terms with the white people of Tuskegee and vicinity. Almost any thing you can name is manufactured in this school, from a wheel-barrow, up to a finer carriage. The girls also learn useful trades, at the same time they are being well educated in the literary department.

As Superintendent of Home Missionary work in the state, traveling over it continually, I make it my business wherever I go and preach, to encourage the cause of education and Sunday school work every where I can.

There have been revivals of religion in several of the churches this quarter, and a goodly number has been added to the church.

I am giving all diligence, by the help of God, to make Ala stand at the head of the list spiritually, as it does alphabetically in our southern work.

Give me your aid and earnest prayers that I may live to see the consummation of what I am willing to labor for arduously while I do live, and am able to be actively engaged in the work of the Master, whom I delight to serve.

Below please find an itemized statement of my expences during this quarter.

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Rev. T. E. Bassett

Ft Valley. Ga. May 24/93

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Chairman.

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Jones, W. L., -AHMS

American Home Missionary Society.

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF EXPENSES.

From March 1st 1893, *to* April 1st 1893,

W. L. Jones *General Missionary or Evangelist.*

NOTE.—This statement, *which should be made monthly*, is intended to go before the Executive Committee for a grant. It should contain nothing, therefore, but *Expenses*, expenses *already incurred.* These should be given as much as convenient in detail, naming separate trips and items. Collections on the field, or remittances from the Society, should not appear on this paper.

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"	"	Supper		30
"	4	Fort Valley to Roberta		51
"	"	Brakfast at Roberta,		50
"	4	Roberta to Fort Valley		51
"	6	One night at Fort Valley		25
"	7	Fort Valley to Macon		58
"	11	Horse and Buggy one day	2.	00
"	16	Macon to Barnes Ville		86
"	21	Barnes Ville to macon,		86
"	24	Stamps & Postal Cards,	1.	00
"	25	Macon to Cordele	1.	30
"	"	Lunch		25
"	"	Dinner at Cordele		50
"	"	Cordele to Kramer (Full Fare)		72
"	27	Kramer to Williford " "		45
"	28	Williford to Cordele " "		27
"	"	Dinner at Cordele		50
"	"	Cordele to Macon	1.	30
"	29	Horse & Buggy 1½ days to Montpelier Station	2.	25
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W. D. Washburn Chairman,

[Jones, Rev. W.L.]
[AHMS]

Ext: Committee
A.H.M.S.
New York

Dear Brethren;

With the close of this quarter, we close the Missionary year. Since our last report we have organized one Church, with a Membership of Seventeen. This Church is in Pike County, not far from the town of Piedmont on the Florida and Atlanta Rail Road, Served by Rev W. H. Grayham. We have no further change to note for the quarter just passed. We have continued to press our cause with all the energy at our command. While we have failed in many particulars we are thankful that Some measure of Succeſs has attended our efforts. In looking over the results of the years work, we find that we have organized Eleven Churches, each of these have a fair membership to Start with, and are located in communities that are able to Support large and flourishing Churches. These churches are Strictly Congregational, and are impreſsed with the idea that they are to Support all the machinery of the Church They will not be able to do much for Some time to come, but in the future we hope to See them all in line, helping themselves and others. We are endevoring to impreſs our

people with the idea that they Should be first devoutly religious, and then, intensely Congregational. No man can make a good Congregationalist who can be a Methodist or Baptist just as well. Our members Should be taught to love the Doctrine and Polity of their Church. The earlier in life this can be done the more intense and lasting will be the impreſsion. We can See the effects of early training on Some of our young members, though they have not been members but a Short time, they are ready to defend everything belonging to Congregational usage

They call it our Church, and Seem to be proud of it. As we get a foot-hold in a Community we try to impreſs every one with the fact that we have come to Stay and to do them good. We endeavor to locate our Churches in Such Communities as will be able to Support them, while they may not do this at first; they doubtleſs will in the near future. As Stated in our last quarterly report; We have organized two District Conferences The Waycroſs and Columbus. These were organized having the Same Constitution and by laws of the other Dist. Conferences composing the U. C. Conference. We have Ordained three Elders, all good and efficent men. We have licensed three Preachers and recieved two from other Churches.

we have these to help us in the future: There has been received in to the different Churches during the year about three hundred members. We think a good work for the Pastors under the unfavorable circumstances that Surrounded many of them. This number does not include the members who Came with new organization. Much of the trouble with which we had to Contend in the past is now out of our way. We are no longer looked upon as Strangers or Something new. Our name is familiar to almost every body. Some of the Denominational papers are begining to give

us an occasional rap. (This is a good Sign. May they keep it up) Our Churches are at peace between themselves, all working in harmony with one great object in view, The glory of God and the good of humanity. Our Gen. Superintendent Seems to be pushing the interest of the Church wisely and well. Plans are being laid for the work of the Coming year, hoping to make it better than any of the past. I have Collected for the A. H. M Society; Twenty one Dollars, to be deducted from the amount due me. Our State Convention meets in Macon April 5th Hope for a good time. With best wishes for the Success of the Church and the A. H. M Society and with

the hope that we may have the pleasure of meeting Some one or more of our Secretaries at our annual Conference which meets about 1st of November in Ft Valley
I am yours.

Fraternally
W. L. Jones
Gen Missionary
Ga-

[Adams, Thomas J.]

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Name of Missionary, Thomas J. Adams

P. O. Address, Danielsville, Georgia

Report for Quarter ending March 31st 1893

Date of this Letter, April 5th 1893

To the A. H. M. S.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Though a few days in delay with this report, I think I am early enough not to occasion any in convenience to your Board. I have not been well for several days, and am now but little improved. Hence the delay.

The two places of my work, Zoar church and Bond's Academy out-station, have had my attendance regularly, with one exception, during the past quarter.

On the first Sabbath in January and Saturday before, I was at Zoar, preaching on Saturday from Psalm 1. On Sunday the text was John 10 chap. 9 vs. The attendance was small, as is the case usually at Zoar. The Sabbath school was held before preaching on Sundays.

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Rev. W. L. Jones

Macon Ga.

Apr/93.

Report

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On account of inclement weather the appointmen
at Bond's Academy was not met on the 4th Sab
bath in January. No disappointment, however, since
no one went - the weather being excessively cold.

The Second Sabbath and Saturday before in Feb.
the pastor was again at his post. The text on
Sat. was Job 34: 7-11, and on Sunday Ps. 26; 8-
Sabbath-school was held on Sunday morning,
the attendance being of usual size.

On Feb. 16. I was called upon to attend the fu
eral of a young man at Jones Chapel, a Methodis
church. The text used was Ecc. 7: 2.

The 4th Sabbath in February I was at Bond
Academy. The congregation was large and orde
The text, 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17. Sunday-school prece
ed preaching.

On the 8 day of March I attended to the
funeral services of a deceased gentleman at
the town of Danielsville at the Presbyterian
Church. The text, Ps. 90; 12

At Zoar on the 2nd Saturday, and night of
the same, Rev. S. C. McDaniel, Georgia State
Supt of Missions, was with us and preached
At night a collection was taken for your
Board which resulted in raising $\$5^{\underline{00}}$, a noti
of which was forwarded you at once. Said col
lection was for the quarter just ended. On
Sunday Rev. W. L. Kirk, preached for us, Sabbath

school being held before preaching. These services were well attended.

Your humble servant was at Bond's Academy on the 4th Sabbath in March, and preached from 2 Timothy 2:4-7. The attendance was good, and the meeting of unusual interest.

This closes the work up to date. I feel that I have done all I could, and I think some good has been accomplished.

I shall take it as a great favor if you remit me the am't due as early as is convenient.

Pray for us, and may the blessings of God be upon you and your work.

Very sincerely yours,

Thos. J. Adams.

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Rev. Thomas J. Adams,

Danielsville,

Ga.

Write nothing between these lines.

Date, Apr 5, 1893.

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Report for Quarter

ending Apr 1st. 1893

Previously reported

Collection, $ 5 00/100

Due, $ 32 50/100

Jan 9/92

Ap 10-10

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached. 8
" prayer-meetings attended. 3
" Sunday-School sessions attended ...10
" In what capacity? ......Supt — 4 times
" baptisms: adult, infant,
" pastoral visits made......10
" funerals attended 2
" marriages solemnized ......
" largest congregation. 110
" average congregation. 50
" average attendance at prayer-meetings...30
" average attendance at Sunday-school...20
" hopeful conversions. ......
" added to church on conf., by letter,
" members died, dismissed, excluded,

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft......$5,

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions......$32,50

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter......$12,50

What new opening for preaching?
" " a church?
" " a Sunday-school?

[Armstrong, Wm, B]

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Name of Missionary, William B. Armstrong.

P. O. Address, Braswell. Ga. Paulding. Co.

Report for Quarter ending March 31st 1893.

Date of this Letter, March. 31st 1893.

I look at this report as a very small thing. but the last three months has been so very Cold. and rain, and snow, that is has been out of the question for the people to attend Church out in the Country where they have to go from one to three and four miles and to meet in a house with no Stove, unceiled, &c.

My last visit into Gorden Co. Plaine-ville, every thing looked very favorable for our cause; I preach in the M. E. Church. South one of their members, had prevailed on one of their Locals to preachers to send an appointment, to preach in the church, at my hour He Come and preached. he invited me to preach, or to preach 3. oclock p. M. I refused to do either, but I Closed the services after him quite a number refused to hear him preach. the members then offered me the House on the first Sundays and insisted on me to accept it; I did so. They then invited me to preach at two other points three & four miles off &c manifest as much interrest in me as my own Church. and propose to help us to build a Church. several say they are going to joine us. Hundreds of People in this County say they can not joine the Baptist and they dislike the goverenment of the Methodist, Our Church meets there views.

W. B. A.

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Rev. Wm. B. Armstrong,

Braswell,

Ga.

Write nothing between these lines.

Date, Mar. 31, 1893.

Write nothing between these lines.

Report for Quarter

ending April, 1, 1893

Collection, $ 9/100

Due, $ 53 50/100

June 6/93 and

July 11/93.

Ap. 3 - 3

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached	12
" prayer-meetings attended	10
" Sunday-school sessions attended	10
" In what capacity?	pastor
" baptisms: adult, none infant, none	
" pastoral visits made	24
" funerals attended	1
" marriages solemnized	none
" largest congregation	300
" average congregation	150
" average attendance at prayer-meetings	30
" average attendance at Sunday-school	30
" hopeful conversions	none
" added to church on conf., none by letter, "	
" members died, none dismissed, none excluded, none	

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft. $ 5.00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions. $ 53.50

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter. $ 10.00

What new opening for preaching? 3 - Reves Station, a

" " a church? 2 School house in Gordon Co.

" " a Sunday-school? 3 - the above

[Armstrong, William]

APPLICATION.

The Congregational Church of Braswell Ga.

in applying to the Executive Committee of the AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, for aid, for 12 months, beginning April 1st 1893 respectfully presents the following statement of facts:

1. Population of place 200 2. Growing or declining? Standing the same

3. Names of the church or churches, and preaching stations Braswell Congregational Church, McPherson Station, Emanual Church at Plain-vill Gorden Co. and Reeves Station.

4. Number of church-members on the Roll 23 and 15. 5. Number of Sunday-school Scholars on the Roll 25 and 20

6. Average of congregation at Braswell 75-100 Emanual Church 150

7. Denomination and size of churches within the above-named population None but Cong. at Braswell At Plain-ville M. E. Church, South and a Baptist Church.

8. Names and distances of the nearest Congregational churches East and North Rome 25 miles

9. The name, in full, of the Minister William Benjamin Armstrong.

10. His post-office address: Town, County, State Braswell Ga. Paulding. Co.

11. Does he reside on his field of labor? yes 12. Is he installed pastor? is not.

13. Has he any other calling than that of the ministry? none.

14. Of what local church is he a member? Braswell

15. Of what Ministerial Association? Vans-valley & Chattahoochee dist. Conf.

16. Number composing his family? 2. 17. Total amount of salary proposed $340.00

18. Amount pledged by the people, and how secured? $20. by each Church. by promise

19. Has he, also, the use of a parsonage? no. 20. Is aid expected from any other source? no

21. The least amount that will suffice from the A. H. M. S. $300.00

22. The amount received from the A. H. M. S. last year $250.00

23. Will less be probably needed next year? Cant tell, but hope so.

24. Amount contributed to A. H. M. S. last year? $10.00 25. How raised? Public Collecti

26. Amount contributed to other benevolent societies? none that I remember of

Additional Statements respecting the condition, prospects, and wants of the field:

Condition of Braswell Church, perfect peace or unity, no opposit [illegible] by Baptist faith - The people are very poor - pay for every thing they use by labor - If we can live untill the young people grow up - then there will be a fine field for Braswell Church - to build in, The same for the Stations near Braswell - Emanual Church, at Plainville, pretty much the same as at Braswell, no house, to worship in, but the M. E. Church - Congregations - good - if we had a House, I think we could soon build up a good Membership -
The same might be said of Rieves Station - 6 milles off -

We make and sign these statements and this Application in behalf of the church and people knowing and assenting to that "CONDITION" in the desired Commission which requires of every missionary (unless it be waived by special vote of the Executive Committee) that he shall preach one or more Home Missionary Sermons to his people, the first soon after the receipt of his Commission, and that THE LARGEST POSSIBLE AMOUNT *be secured from his field for the work of the A. H. M. S., and reported to the Secretaries for Correspondence.*

Signed,

G. W. Armstrong
J. M. Baker
Deacons.

Committee of Congregation.

*Date,** April the 18th. 1893.

* Be particular to give here the date of making this application.

This is to certify that the Congregation Church of Braswell & Plainville
has fulfilled its pledges made for my support, during the year ending April 1st 1893.

Wm. B. Armstrong
Missionary.

REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS by the local and State Home Missionary Committees.

We recommend 225.$

April 26th.

J. Frank Beck Prest.
Ga Home Missionary Society

REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATION by the Superintendent or Secretary.

I recommend a grant of $225
on this application
S C McDaniel
Supt
April 26th. 93.

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The Cong. Chs. **of**

Braswell + Ga.

Plainville, (Emanuel Ch.)

Applies for $ 300 renewed

aid in support of Rev.

Wm. B. Armstrong

12 months from Apr. 1, 1893

Preaches at McPherson + Reevs.

~~Recommended by~~ Com on Miss.

+ Rev. S. C. McDaniel

rec'd $225 – 12 mos.

P. O.

Last grant $250.

Granted

$225.—

Braswell

ap 29 Ga.

Please write nothing between these lines.

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IMPORTANT.

I hereby certify that the within application was made by vote of the church, at a meeting called for that purpose, and after a faithful effort on the part of the people to obtain the largest possible amount among themselves towards their minister's support.

Wm. B. Armstrong, Pastor.

[Brewer, William F.]

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Name of Missionary, Wm F. Brewer.

P. O. Address, 780. Marietta St., Atlanta. Ga,

Report for Quarter ending Mch 31st 1893.

Date of this Letter, April 1st 1893.

Dear Brethren of the A. H. M. S. in making this my last-Report-for the year I can say to you that-I have done the best-I could and my churches is doing very well they are all in peace and thier Spiritual Condition I consider is very good. & I feel that thier future prospects are good. especially if they can ever be brought-to see the necisity-of giving but-they do not-open thier pocket-Books freely as they ought. with one exception my little Duluth Church as you will see pays very liberal, my field for the next-year will be a different one. I have been pastoring some of my churches for Eight-years. my work will be in the City next-year if I am spared to work anywhere. I have been called to the new Church here the Duluth Congl Church of Atlanta, I commence my work trusting in the Lord, & pray to have the prayers & cooperation of the A. H. M. S. this no doubt-will be a hard work. considering the opposition that a new Church always have, especially in a city. but-the Lord will help, if we will do our duty. may God bless the A. H. M. S. for its precious favors to me, in the past. I shall ever pray & help the Society to the best of my ability-your Bro in service

W. F. Brewer,

P.S. please send the draft-as early as possible

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Rev. Wm F. Brewer,
780 Marietta St,
Atlanta,
Ga.

Date, April 1, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending April 1st, 1893

Collection, $ 20 00/100 see

Due, $ 55 00/100

July 11/92.

Ap 3-3

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached.........36
" prayer-meetings attended.........12
" Sunday-school sessions attended.........10
" In what capacity?.........Pastor
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made.........50
" funerals attended.........0
" marriages solemnized.........1
" largest congregation.........100
" average congregation.........50
" average attendance at prayer-meetings.25
" average attendance at Sunday-school..40
" hopeful conversions.........0
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 2
" members died, 0 dismissed, 4 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft.........$20 00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions.........$ 55-00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter.........$ 5-10

What new opening for preaching? good
" " a church? fair
" " a Sunday-school? good

Collections as follows for A. H. M. S.

Antioch church	75
Harmony Grove "	50
Liberty "	65
Duluth "	18 10
Total	$20 00

[Campbell, Daniel A.]

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Name of Missionary, Daniel A. Campbell

P. O. Address, Demorest Ga.

Report for Quarter ending May 15 1893

Date of this Letter, May 15 1893

Dear brethren the Congregational eliment in this town is small but these brethren felt it to be their duty to make themselves known and their influence felt all the more because located in the south A part of our members are but children and a few are hardly Congregationalist came with us because they new no where else to go But the larger part are inteligent Congregationalists men and women of standing with a high reputation for uprightness All our members are from the North except one received since I came Nearly all the Southern people in this town are poor and mostly Methodest or Baptest but still quite a goodly number of these attend our evening meetings We are making a special effort to reach this class I am anxious to have some special meetings aided by bro. MacDaniel or some other Southern bro- who will help me to reach that class No other people are doing so much to overcome local prejudice as the Congregationalist of the south Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Most truly D. A. Campbell

P. S. We have union meetings once a month
One of these was held in our hall At another
time we had a Gospel temperence meeting to
which our brethren of the other Churches
wer invited these wer the larger Congregations
refered to in this report
I would be glad to receive the Home
Missionary D. A. C

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Rev. Dan'l A Campbell

Demorest,

Ga.

Date, May 15, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending May 15, 1893.

Collection, $5.00/100

Due, $70 00/100

Apr. 3/93.

May 19-19

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached.	23
" prayer-meetings attended.	10
" Sunday-School sessions attended	12
" In what capacity?	S. Scholar
" baptisms: adult, infant,	
" pastoral visits made.	53
" funerals attended	
" marriages solemnized	
" largest congregation.	80
" average congregation.	45
" average attendance at prayer-meetings	15
" average attendance at Sunday-school	25
" hopeful conversions.	
" added to church on conf., by letter,	2
" members died, dismissed, excluded,	

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft. $5.00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions $70

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter $55,

What new opening for preaching?

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

Pleas remit soon as convenient as I have been obliged to borrow to get here and get settled
D. A. C.

[Carter, William C.]

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Name of Missionary, William C. Carter

P. O. Address, Fort Valley, Ga.

Report for Quarter ending April 30th 1893.

Date of this Letter, May 1st 1893.

This report is for Fort Valley. The congregation at Powersville is increasing in numbers and in interest.

I have held no protracted services at either place. It is probable that Rev. S. C. McDaniel will, in a short time, erect a gospel tent in this place.

The chief barrier here is the Devil and his multiplied agencies. He presents himself under different phases; begetting in some a spirit of indifference, querulousness, and distrust.

Fort Valley has the advantage of prohibition - a valuable adjunct to Christianity; yet alcoholic stimulants are used to a considerable extent, and while the morals of this place will compare favorably with other cities there is great room for improvement.

That there is some change in the spiritual condition of the congregations under my pastoral care, a change which augurs good for Congregationalism, I have no hesitancy in affirming; yet phenomenal growth may not, for some time to come, be expected. The reasons are obvious: Diabolical antagonism, prejudice, and the same old "Can-any-good-thing-come-out-of-Nazareth-" spirit. In addition to these, Congregationalism is young, a mere stripling in Georgia.

I am praying hourly for the Spirit of the Master - daily consecrating myself to the Head of the Church - imploring His aid and guidance.

Conscious of my call to the ministry, why should I, how can I, hesitate to lay down my life for the Church and the Christ who has redeemed me!

I shall not speak of my hardships. I would rather tell of my joy and peace in the Holy Ghost, in the "power" given to me 'to become a child of God'. I believe that I am learning to trust Him better and love Him more and more.

There is, at present, no new opening for preaching, but steps are being taken to secure one, two or three miles from Fort Valley, where an audience numbering 50 or 60 may be secured. I think that a through canvass of the hedges, a searching for lost souls, will not be without reward.

The spirit of brotherly love pervading Congre gationalism differentiates it from other leading denominations, and places it upon a higher spiritual plane, that of fellowship with Christ; and it is this unity, this Christ-likeness that is destined, sooner or later, to place it in the front rank of the evangelical forces at work for the salvation of souls. This is our bulwark; a great mountain of strength, the very God tabernacling with this Church. The blind may not see these things; but to the pure in heart

there is the "Pillar of Cloud by day and the Pillar of Fire by night," the "Prince of Peace," the Mighty God" in whose name and strength the Church is destined to smite "seven times" the kingdom of darkness. We need Christian education in all the "highways and hedges,"- we need it, we desire it, we want Christ in Georgia. I rejoice in the Spirit of Christ which has been breathed upon our Brethren lengthening their arms and enlarging their heart, obliterating racial lines and political distinctions- "for we all are one in Christ Jesus."

We thank you, Brethren, for you timely aid. Continue to pray for us, and with Christ in Georgia, Ga. may become Christ's.

Fraternally Yours,

H. C. Carter.

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Rev. William C. Carter

Fort Valley,

Ga.

Date, May 1, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending May 1, 1893.

Collection, $5.

Due, $45.

Mar. 6/93.

May 3-4

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached	22
" prayer-meetings attended	7
" Sunday-School sessions attended	10
" In what capacity?	Teacher
" baptisms: adult, 1 infant, 0	
" pastoral visits made	39
" funerals attended	0
" marriages solemnized	0
" largest congregation	70
" average congregation	40
" average attendance at prayer-meetings	20
" average attendance at Sunday-school	23
" hopeful conversions	1
" added to church on conf., 1 by letter,	6
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded,	0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft	$ 5.00
Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions	$ 45.00
Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter	$ 25.00

What new opening for preaching?
" " a church?
" " a Sunday-school? One at Powersville

[Darnell, Elias]

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Name of Missionary, Elias Darnell

P. O. Address, Dawsonville Ga

Report for Quarter ending March 1893

Date of this Letter, March 29th 1893

Deare Brotherin my Report for this quarter is Rether meger owing to extreame cold winter though our meetings has opened up in Good ernest we are having Good meetings Every thing Looks as though we would have a praspurs year there seemes to be a Large amount of new work opening up if one should Judge from the invatations we have from diferants parts of the Contry all though I meete opsition ~~by~~ from the M E Church South Some people clame that this na missenary Ground we have a Scope of contry along these mountains that is uterly in Darkness also a number of them that has not a Bible in ther House I would be Glad that I could in Some way get Some Bibles to distribilts a manks this people who are not able to furnish them selve these as I sturn facts it is not so much the case were I Live we need help

It is tru we have had a bad chance at Holley Creek from the fact that our Bilding in nat fit to Hold meetin in in the winter Season but God being our helper things will chang up in the neare Futior our new Building is on the way and we exsect by mid Summer to have it complited Brothern Pray for us

Elias Dornell

Ps This Closes my yeare I Shal attend Holley Creek the next yeare

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Rev. Elias Darnell,

Dawsonville,

Ga.

Date, May 29, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending April 1, 1893.

Collection, $ 2 25/100

Due, $22. 75/100

June 6/92.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached..........20..........
" prayer-meetings attended............8...
" Sunday-school sessions attended..24
" In what capacity?.....as Pastor
" baptisms: adult, none infant, none
" pastoral visits made.... ....40..
" funerals attended..................none
" marriages solemnized...........none
" largest congregation........100........
" average congregation..........75....
" average attendance at prayer-meetings...15
" average attendance at Sunday-school...45
" hopeful conversions................10...
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0
" members died, 1 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft..............................$ 2,25

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions...$ 2,75

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter...$ 20 00

What new opening for preaching? Quite a number of Places

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

[Fleming, Moses G.]

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Name of Missionary, moses G Fleming

P. O. Address, Awandersville Hart Co ga

Report for Quarter ending march 31the 1893

Date of this Letter, April the 1893

prospects is good may god bless you in your good work

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Rev. Moses G. Fleming,
Amanderville
Ga

Date, ———— 18

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Report for Quarter

ending Apr 1, 1893
Previously rep. 4.95/100
Collection, $.50 cts

Due, $25.80/100

June 6/92 and
July 11/92.

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Write nothing between these lines.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached....35
" prayer-meetings attended..19
" Sunday-school sessions attended..........
" In what capacity?....4....as pastor
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made...30
" funerals attended.1
" marriages solemnized..1
" largest congregation...300
" average congregation....75
" average attendance at prayer-meetings.20
" average attendance at Sunday-school.15
" hopeful conversions..1
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0
" members died, 0 dismissed, 2 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft....$5.45

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions....$26.80

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter....$15

What new opening for preaching? one at newton madison 60
" 0 " a church?
" 0 " a Sunday-school?

[Forrester, James C]

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Name of Missionary, James C. Forrester.

P. O. Address, Hoschton

Report for Quarter ending Mch 31" 1893

Date of this Letter, April 1" 1893.

The Officers and Members of the A.H.M.S. again through the providence of the Lord we are permitted to report the labors of the last quarter of the Society year for which the should have all the praise that we have undergone during the year of hard labor- yet our labors have been blessed- We have been able to witness the Conversion of many souls, yet many remain to Come into the fold. We trust the good work will be pressed forward until His will be accomplished.

Over

As Springtime opens we see the interest of the Sabbath school Cause advancing.

Pray for us that the present year may be a success.

We desire remittance to be made quarterly. You will please forward Draft to James C. Forrester
Hoschton Ga.

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Rev. James C. Forrester,
Hoschton,
Ga.

Date, Apr. 1st. 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr 1st 1893.

Collection, $ 5.

Due, $ 57 50

July 11/92.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached........ 22
" prayer-meetings attended........ 8
" Sunday-school sessions attended........ 12
" In what capacity?...... As Pastor
" baptisms: adult, 1 infant, None 1
" pastoral visits made........ 54
" funerals attended........ 2
" marriages solemnized........ 1
" largest congregation........ 300
" average congregation........ 150
" average attendance at prayer-meetings........ 30
" average attendance at Sunday-school........ 40
" hopeful conversions........ 3
" added to church on conf., 1 by letter, 2
" members died, 2 dismissed, 3 excluded, 3

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft........$ 5 00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions........$ 57 50

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter........$ 35 00

What new opening for preaching? None
" " a church? "
" " a Sunday-school? "

[Gilliam, J.W.]

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Name of Missionary, J W Gilliam

P. O. Address, Rome Ga

Report for Quarter ending April 1st 1893

Date of this Letter, April 1st 1893

To A.H.M.S In Submitting this My 4th Qutrely report desire to say that it is nat as incouraging as I would like it should have been. the Cold winter Months during the Quater have been Severe upon us Congregations greatly diminished preaching Servics. Nor Sunday School not well attended hope for better Congregations and SS attendance in the near future. we hope for better things in this field of Missionary work hope to be better prepared with Suitable winter Quarters by the next winter Months upon us we have no Comfortable house to Call the people to worship in during the winter Months hope we will able during the comming Summer Months to provide a better place for winter My Charge the North Rome Church is Week financialy people Poor too Poor to pay much towards building a Church house. the want of a Neat Comfortable

Church Edifice is a great draw back to the Congregationals Church in this Mission how long we will have to wait for the development to Success I cant tell may the good Lord Speed the day when the Congregational Church will Present to the other Churches and to the world her beauty and Strength in bringing Souls into the kingdome of our Lord,,

Yours in Christ

J W Gilliam Missionary
and Pastor Notre Dame Church

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Rev. J W Gilliam,
Rome,
Ga.

Date, April 1st 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending April 1, 1893

Collection, $ 2 00/100

Due, $ 23 00/100

July 11/92

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached	7
" prayer-meetings attended	9
" Sunday-school sessions attended	17
" In what capacity?	Pastor + Teacher
" baptisms: adult, infant,	
" pastoral visits made	17
" funerals attended	
" marriages solemnized	
" largest congregation	40
" average congregation	20
" average attendance at prayer-meetings	15
" average attendance at Sunday-school	37
" hopeful conversions	
" added to church on conf., 00 by letter,	
" members died, 1 dismissed, 00 excluded,	

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft $2 00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions $23 00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter $

What new opening for preaching?

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

[Graham, W. H.]

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Name of Missionary, W. H. Graham Jr

P. O. Address, Meansvill Pik co Ga

Report for Quarter ending March 31the 1893

Date of this Letter, March 31the 1893

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Rev. W. H. Graham Jr.

Meansville

Ga.

Date, Mar 31, 1893

Report for Quarter

ending Apr 1st. 1893.

Collection, $ —

Due, $37 50/100

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft..........$
Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions..........$37.50
Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter..........$20
What new opening for preaching?
" " a church? 1 church orgnize
" " a Sunday-school?

No. of sermons preached..........20
" prayer-meetings attended..........5
" Sunday-school sessions attended..........6
" In what capacity?..........Pastor
" baptisms: adult, infant,
" pastoral visits made..........40
" funerals attended..........1
" marriages solemnized..........2
" largest congregation..........150
" average congregation..........75
" average attendance at prayer-meetings..20
" average attendance at Sunday-school..35
" hopeful conversions..........0
" added to church on conf., by letter, 2
" members died, 1 dismissed, 6 excluded, 1

[Horne, Gideon]

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Name of Missionary, Gideon Horne

P. O. Address, Meansville Ga

Report for Quarter ending April 1th 1893

Date of this Letter, April 1th 1893

The amount reported in this report was collected from New Hope church Meansville Ga. it was not Missionnary church this Year.

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Rev. Gideon Horne,

Meansville,

Ga.

Date, ____________ 18

Report for Quarter

ending Apr. 1st. 1893.

~~New~~ Hope Ch. Previously reported Collection, $5/100

Due, $32 50/100

June 6/92

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Write nothing between these lines.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached............13
" prayer-meetings attended............4
" Sunday-school sessions attended............6
" In what capacity?............
" baptisms: adult, infant,
" pastoral visits made............39
" funerals attended............2
" marriages solemnized............1
" largest congregation............225
" average congregation............166
" average attendance at prayer-meetings............50
" average attendance at Sunday-school............
" hopeful conversions............0
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0
" members died, 1 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft............$5 00
Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions............$32 50
Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter............$14 15

What new opening for preaching?
" " a church?
" " a Sunday-school?

[Hubbard, William S.]

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Name of Missionary, Wm S Hubbard

P. O. Address, Conley Ga Clayton County

Report for Quarter ending March the 31th 1883

Date of this Letter, March the 31st 1883

Deer Secretaries of the A: M. H. S

as yeu Know I have only one church that is aided Buy the A. H. M. S. my church Has all paid thire obligations this yeare to pastor We hope to do Better the Next yere this yere I only was imployed 2 Sundays in thee Month But for thee Next yere I will imployed all thee time Wishing Every Blessing on the Work I Remain Sincerely yours W S Hubbard

P.S yeu will pleas Send my check

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Leave that to New York office.

Rev. Wm. S. Hubbard

Conley

Ga.

Date, Mar. 31, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr 1st. 1893.

Collection, $ —

Due, $ 25 00/100

June 6/92.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached... 18
" prayer-meetings attended... 6 or 8
" Sunday-school sessions attended... 10
" In what capacity?.. As Pastor
" baptisms: adult, 00 infant, [illegible]
" pastoral visits made...
" funerals attended... [illegible]
" marriages solemnized... [illegible]
" largest congregation... 150
" average congregation... 75 or 80
" average attendance at prayer-meetings... 10 to 20
" average attendance at Sunday-school... 30 to 50
" hopeful conversions...
" added to church on conf., by letter, 2
" members died, 1 dismissed, 1 excluded, 00

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft... $

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions... $25 00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter... $50 00

What new opening for preaching?

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

[Jordan, Josiah W.]

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Name of Missionary, Josiah W. Jordan

P. O. Address, Macon. Georgia

Report for Quarter ending April 1st 1873,

Date of this Letter, April 1st 1883,

The Cold weather and poor health prevented me from doing much servicthat I would have otherwise done.. There is much in the life of a missionary to enlist his sympathies, cheer his heart & stimulate his zeal - while he labors for God & humanity. To know that he is humbly imitating the example of the Godman & following in the footsteps of One who "went about doing good" is well calculated to cheer the soul - while contending with the difficulties that come before us. One of the greatest difficulties that the missionary has to contend with, is the spirit of indifference manifested by many who claim to be christians. When will the church learn that her strength is to be estimated - *not by numbers* - but by the purity of of her membership. With good weather - restored health & the blessings of God upon our labors - we are hopeful. Pray for us.

J.W.J.

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Write nothing between these lines.

Rev. Josiah W. Jordan,
Macon,
Ga.

Date, April 1st 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr. 1st 1893

Collection, $2.00/100 ✓

Due, $48.00/100

Nov. 7/92.

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Write nothing between these lines.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached......12
" prayer-meetings attended......6
" Sunday-school sessions attended......5
" In what capacity?......Pastor
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made......20
" funerals attended......1
" marriages solemnized......5
" largest congregation......84
" average congregation......56
" average attendance at prayer-meetings......18
" average attendance at Sunday-school......60
" hopeful conversions......0
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0
" members died, 0 dismissed, 3 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft......$2.00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions......$48.00

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter......$0

What new opening for preaching? Montpelier Station
" " a church? "
" " a Sunday-school? "

[McDaniel, Rev. S. C]

Atlanta Ga March 14th 93.

Rev J. B Clark D.D.
N. Y.

Dear Brother

Your letter informing me of the appropiation by the Ex Com. Of $175.00 for my use to be invested in a tent &c. Recd. Please accept my thanks. I am negotiating about the purchase of one, and will notify you as soon as the matter materializes.

Fraternally & Truly

S C McDaniel

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Rev. S. C. McDaniel,
Atlanta
Ga.

Apr. 14/93

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Respecting grant.

[McDaniel, Rev. S.C.]

Sent

Atlanta Ga March 20th. 95.

Dear Brother

Bro W C Carter recently commissioned at Ft Valley. is in urgent need of ~~a~~ a little money. please send him $25.00 as an advance on his first quarter. Sickness and moving home contributed largely to his present condition.

To Rev J. B. Clark D D. Secty &c

Fraternally & Truly

S C McDaniel

N.B. I send herewith an application for a box which you will please hand to Dr Coe

S C M

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Rev. T. C. McDaniel

Atlanta Ga

Mch 20/90

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Recdt ~~addr~~ 4 25. ~~to~~
mdse to Rev. W. C.
Carter. Ft Valley. Ga

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[McDaniel, Rev S.C.]

Atlanta Ga Mar 25th 93.

Rev J B Clark D.D.
New-York.

Ans'd

My Dear Brother

Your's of 23d Inst to hand to-night. I am quite a little perplexed to dicide just what is best under the present surroundings. Our State Convention is to meet April 10th and my bethren throughout the state will not consent that I shall be absent from that meeting, and the fact that the meeting is to be at the church of Rev J R Mc Lean (at Macon). ~~xx~~ makes it more important that I be there, than if it met elsewhere. It appears to me that my visit to N. C. had better be after some sort of seasonable notice to the bethren there of my intention of coming, and should not be too hurried. I could leave here as early as Tuesday (28th Inst). but this would give no time for appointments, and make it defficult for me to meet "the rank and file" of the churches, and cut my visit to less than a week - or force me to miss the meeting of the Convention. I fully agree with you that this matter needs prompt attention, but it is just as apparent that it needs thorough and painstaking attention; Just how soon your office will be obliged to shape its course in the premises I have not the information to say; but if very serious consequences are not likely to result from the delay. I would suggest that my visit be immediately after the adjournment of our convention.

This will give time for notice so that appointments can be published and my trip arranged. and give me ample time to survey the field carefully. In order that they may have all the notice possible. I write by this mail to both Bros. Brookshear and Pope - that I am considering the proposition to pay them and the N C churches a visit at an early day. without any suggestion as to the special cause of my proposed coming -

If in the judgment of yourself - and those near to you. my presence is needed there sooner than the 7th of April - please wire me on Tuesday. (as I suppose you will get this letter Tuesday morning) "in care of G W Foote Inman Building Broad St" and I will be ready to start Wednesday. 29th Inst.

In the event you should so wire me to start at once, please send me to Charlotte N.C. a draft for $25.00 for expenses.

I am ready to do whatever in your discretion you may direct.

Fraternally & Truly
S C McDaniel

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Rev. S. C. McDaniel
Atlanta
Ga.

Mar 25
93

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Respecting trip into
North Carolina

niel, Rev. S.C.]

Atlanta Ga March 29th. 93

Secty. A.H.M.S.

I send herewith Expenses up to this date from March 1st. Please send me draft for amount due me April 1st. less $4.10 I am due the Cong'l Ch-Bdg. society that amount and I have sent their treasurer an order for that sum.

Fraternally
S C McDaniel

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Atlanta Ga March 29th - 93 -

Dear Sir

Please pay to the order of the Treasurer of The Congregational church Building society - Four + 10/100 Dollars - and charge the same to my account. And oblige -

Truly -

S C McDaniel

To
The Treasurer of
The American Home Missionary Society.

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Rev T. C. McDaniel
Atlanta Geo

Mch 29/93
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Report

Pay Ch. B. Loc 4.10 ✓
Expe 10.13 ✓
Due 89.39
Apr 1

send statement
of Expe - N.6

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[McDaniel, Rev. S.C.]

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Atlanta Ga Apr 25th -93-

Rev J. B. Clark D.D.
New York

Dear Bro.

Your last letter came yesterday. I received a blank for my annual report early in March, and filled it out and forwarded it promptly. I am sorry you did not receive it. I received another a short time since, which I have filled out since I got your letter, and send it herewith. I hope it may reach you promptly.

I also send my schedules of work. I would have sent them sooner but it has been so very difficult to so arrange them that justice and satisfaction could be secured, that I have felt obliged to take all the time possible, before finally making them up. I hope you will not attribute my tardiness to any indifference or neglect. Our general Committee meets to-morrow, and I suppose will forward some applications for your next Monday's meeting.

Fraternally and Truly
S C McDaniel

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Rev S. C. McDaniel

Atlanta

Ga.

Apr 25/93

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Respecting Annual Report Sent.

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[McDaniel, Rev. S.C.]

Atlanta Ga May 2 - 93

Dear Brethren

Enclosed I hand you my expense account for April - Please send me amount due me May 1st - And greatly oblige -

Fraternally & Truly
S C McDaniel

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Rev. T. C. McDaniel

Atlanta Ga. May 2/93

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Report

Expt. $13.^{\underline{43}}$

Sal. 83.33

96.76

Deduct $2^{\underline{81}}$ each [illegible]s af due May 1.

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[McDaniel, Rev. S.C.]

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Atlanta Ga May 5th - 93 -

Rev J B Clark D D -

Dear Brother,

Yours of 2d Inst received - I regret that my report should be so late - I was not asked for any report of the sort you indicate last year. and as the blank was sent me this year I supposed it indicated what was desired. I saw these summary statements in the annual reports but did not know that they were furnished by the Superintendents. It looks to me now, that I *ought to have known it*, but I did not. I send herewith the best report I can get up - to-night - I am just leaving home for some days - and feel that the report *must* go to you by *the first mail* - and hence made it out at once - on receipt of your letter. I trust it will reach you pomptly.

Fraternally & truly

S C McDaniel

Rev S. C. McDaniel

Atlanta

Ga.

May 3/93

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Sends ~~For~~ Annual Report

[McDaniel, Rev. S.C.]

Atlanta Ga. May 26 - 93 -

Rev J B Clark DD
New York

Dear Brother

I need $25.00 immedialety for Bro Kingsbury who is working with Benan church. Please send it. and I will include it in expenses at the end of the month

Fraternally Truly
S C McDaniel

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Rev. S. C. McDaniel

Atlanta

Ga.

May 26/93.

Wants d'ft $25

for Miss'y echo.

D'ft $25. sent

May 31/93.

[McDaniel, Rev. S. C.]

Atlanta Ga May 31st 1893.

Rev J. B. Clark D.D.

New York

Dear Brother

I send herewith statement of expense for May including $25.00 for Bro Kingsbury. Also the application for renewal of Commission for Dr. Jones, I have about closed a contract for a tent. and shall need $150.00 of the $175 appropriation for use at Demorest and Columbus— I shall not need the balance just now.

I trust you had a pleasant and profitable meeting at Saratoga.

Fraternally & Truly

S C McDaniel

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Rev. T. C. McDaniel

Atlanta Ga. May 31/93

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Report

Expe.	25
"	7.20.
	32.20
Due ~~Sal.~~	90. 90. Dft.
June 1.	W. 74

Wants dft. 150

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to Democrat.

W. 75

[McLeod, Rev. J. H.]

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Name of Missionary, James H McCool

P. O. Address, Scale Works Ga Floyd County

Report for Quarter ending March 31st 1893

Date of this Letter, March 28th 1893

This Closes my quarterly reports for the previous year with my gratitude and thankfullness to God for his abundant blessings - and to your Society for timely and needed help

The new opening for a church refered to in this report - will probably be organized some time in next month - We find no time for idleness and what our hands find to do we try to do it with our might - While we are far a way from many of our brethren We feel assured that they are very near us in prays and Sympathy

J H. McC

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Write nothing between these lines.

Rev. James H. McCool,
Scale Works,
Ga.

Date, Mar. 28, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr. 1, 1893.

Collection, $ 1.00/100

Due, $ 36 50/100

June 6/92

Mar 31 - Apr. 1.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached.................. 20
" prayer-meetings attended............ 11
" Sunday-school sessions attended.... 10
" In what capacity?........ Instructor
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made.............. 30
" funerals attended............ 0
" marriages solemnized............ 1
" largest congregation............ 100
" average congregation............ 50
" average attendance at prayer-meetings. 20
" average attendance at Sunday-school.. 30
" hopeful conversions.................. 3
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft...... One dollar $ 1

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions.............................$ 36 50/100

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter...........................$ 6

What new opening for preaching? River Side
" " a church? Holland Spring
" " a Sunday-school?

[Newton, Howell E.]

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Name of Missionary, Hawell E Newton

P. O. Address, Clara P. S. Fulton Co. Ga.

Report for Quarter ending March 31th 1893.

Date of this Letter, April 1st 1893.

Secrataries of the A.H.M.S.

My dear Brethren I am glat of an opertunity to report. as some times there come glad Streeks in ones experiance. I have have Met with some success during the qr. have had a good Meeting at Center Ch- which resulted in 10 Conversions and quite a No. of reclamations of this no 3 have joined the Ch. By letter and next Sunday some are going to jain on Pofesion

So Center Ch. is in better condition
than it has ever ben.

Poplar Springs Ch. at Chamblee Ga.
is nonest.

Plesant Hill Church of Altanta Ga. is in
a Prosperous condition I have Just Closed a
Series of Revivals There and Added 2 Member
and the Ch. is revived. So plesent Hil
Ch. is in Better condition than it has ben
in 2 or 3 years. We have regular Preaching Evry
Sunday Morning and Evening I have 2 Sunday
in The months supplied. and Four Prayer
Meetings. A young Mens. and a Ch. P.M. of Evenin
through the week. Our avrage Congregations are
larger than they have ben in Two years. and th
avrage attendence at S.S. is better.

So upon the Holl Plesant Hill Ch. is
doing well. Center Ch. is lerning to do Missionary
work. ~~f~~ The ~~Mo~~ womens H. M. S. at this ch.
Sent a box Vanued at $20.00 to the Cyclone
Sufferers at Peidmont Ga it has done other
worthy Mis work.

I will close by asking your prayers

P. S. The above named collection of Five dollars
was taken at Plesant Hill Ch of Clara P.O. Atlanta
Ga and should be so anounced in the Home Miss.
Please remit - the amount sene

Yours in Christ -

Howell E. Newton

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Rev. Howell E Newton,

Clara,

Ga.

Date, April 1st 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending April 1st 1893

Pleasant Hill Ch.

Collection, $ 5.00/100

Due, $ 63.75/100

Write nothing between these lines.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached..................23
" prayer-meetings attended..........30
" Sunday-School sessions attended ..10
" In what capacity?..........Vis.
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made..................77
" funerals attended.....................0
" marriages solemnized.................1
" largest congregation..................75
" average congregation..................40
" average attendance at prayer-meetings 20
" average attendance at Sunday-school...70
" hopeful conversions...................10
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 5
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 10

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft..........$ 5.00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions..........$ 63.75

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter..........$ 25.00

What new opening for preaching? One
" " a church? One
" " a Sunday-school? One

[Newton, Howell]

APPLICATION.

The Plesant Hill Church of Clara P. O. Atlanta Ga in applying to the Executive Committee of the AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, for aid, for 12 months, beginning April 1th 93, respectfully presents the following statement of facts:

1. Population of place 2000. 2. Growing or declining? Gowing

3. Names of the church or churches, and preaching stations Center Cong Ch. of Clara Ga.

4. Number of church-members on the Roll 22 5. Number of Sunday-school Scholars on the Roll 125

6. Average of congregation Thirty Five

7. Denomination and size of churches within the above-named population One M. E. Church South of one to Two Hundred Members

8. Names and distances of the nearest Congregational churches Duluth Ch. One Half Mile.

9. The name, in full, of the Minister Howell E. Newton

10. His post-office address: Town, County, State Clara P O Fulton Co. Ga

11. Does he reside on his field of labor? yes. 12. Is he installed pastor? No.

13. Has he any other calling than that of the ministry? None.

14. Of what local church is he a member? Center Cong. Ch.

15. Of what Ministerial Association? Gainsvill Dist. Conference

16. Number composing his family? 5 17. Total amount of salary proposed $400.00

18. Amount pledged by the people, and how secured? $100.00

19. Has he, also, the use of a parsonage? No 20. Is aid expected from any other source? None

21. The least amount that will suffice from the A. H. M. S. $.300.00

22. The amount received from the A. H. M. S. last year Rates of $.300.00

23. Will less be probably needed next year? yes.

24. Amount contributed to A. H. M. S. last year? $ 6.50 25. How raised? Collection

26. Amount contributed to other benevolent societies? $ 2.50

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS respecting the condition, prospects, and wants of the field:

Our Church is in a very good Candision now Our membership is groing and the attendands Both at the Preaching and Preayer Servises is incresing Continnally. and as soon as we get the Ch. Building renivated and the Bell up. We are Confident that she will travel over the Head of all oposition The thing most Needed now out side of Devine aid is the money herein applied for which will enable our Pastery to do the nessesary amount of Visiting and Every Sunday Preaching.) Yours in the work

Henry Burger Clerk

We make and sign these statements and this Application in behalf of the church and people knowing and assenting to that "CONDITION" in the desired Commission which requires of every missionary (unless it be waived by special vote of the Executive Committee) that he shall preach one or more Home Missionary Sermons to his people, the first soon after the receipt of his Commission, and that THE LARGEST POSSIBLE AMOUNT be secured from his field for the work of the A. H. M. S., and reported to the Secretaries for Correspondence.

Signed,

D. Martain	*Deacons.*	Harry Coggins Sen	*Committee of Congregation.*
Mrs Ferill		D. Martain	
Henry Sightt		Harry Coggins Jun	

*Date,** April 14th 1893.

* Be particular to give here the date of making this application.

This is to certify that the Plesant Hill Church of Clara P.O. Atlanta Ga.

has fulfilled its pledges made for my support, during the year ending March. 31th 1893

H. E. Newton.

Missionary.

Remarks and Recommendations by the local and State Home Missionary Committees.

Harry Coggins

J. B. Mundy

R. A. Teagle

We recommend to this church Three hundred dollars.

April 26.'93. J. Frank Beck Prest Ga Home Missionary Society

Remarks and Recommendation by the Superintendent or Secretary.

I recommend this grant of $300 - It is $60 more than the schedule for the church - but the general committee request that other estimates be made to contribute. as they felt this important I will - do this - by making a number of small deductions on other fields -

L. B. McDaniel, Supt

Apl 26th .93.

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The Pleasant Hill Cong. Ch. of

Clara, Ga.

Applies for $ 300, renewed

aid in support of Rev.

Howell E. Newton

12 months from Apr. 1, 1893

Recommended by Com. on Mis.
& Rev. S. C. McDaniel

P. O. Clara, Ga.

Last grant 75 - 6 mos.

Granted
$300

Clara
Ap 29 Ga.

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IMPORTANT.

I hereby certify that the within application was made by vote of the church, at a meeting called for that purpose, and after a faithful effort on the part of the people to obtain the largest possible amount among themselves toward their minister's support.

Howell E. Newton Pastor.

[Pitman, Travis]

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Name of Missionary, Travis Pitman

P. O. Address, Waresboro

Report for Quarter ending April 1st 1883

Date of this Letter, April 7th 1883.

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Rev. Travis Pitman

Wares boro

Ga.

Date, Apr 7, 1893.

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Report for Quarter

ending Apr 1, 1893.

Collection, $

Due, $ 12 50/100

June 6/92

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached........15
" prayer-meetings attended...10
" Sunday-school sessions attended, 5
" In what capacity?..Pastor
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made....25
" funerals attended....1
" marriages solemnized....0
" largest congregation.....80
" average congregation...50
" average attendance at prayer-meetings.25
" average attendance at Sunday-school..40
" hopeful conversions..15
" added to church on conf., by letter, 2
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft........$0

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions........$12,50

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter........$4.35

What new opening for preaching? None

" " a church? — —

" " a Sunday-school? — —

17 [Pitman, Rev. Travis]

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Glenmore Ga

Glenmore Ga
May 15 = 93

Alexander H Clapp
Treas Bible House
NY

Dear Sir

Please Send me the american Home Mission for one year find amount inclosed for Subscription

Respect
Rev. Travis, Pittman

June 93 – 94. 60 cts

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Rev. T. Pittman
Glenmore
Ga
May 15th 1893
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[Quattlebaum, Wilkes Harry]

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Name of Missionary, Wilkes Harry Quattlebaum

P. O. Address, Rochelle. Wilcox Co. Ga.

Report for Quarter ending April 1st 1893,

Date of this Letter, April 1st. 1893,

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Rev. W. H. Quattlebaum,

Rochelle

Ga.

Date, Apr. 1st. 18 93.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr. 1st. 18 93.

Collection, $ 1.15

Due, $ 23.85

June 6/92.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached........28.
" prayer-meetings attended... 14.
" Sunday-school sessions attended..10.
" In what capacity?.....Pastor
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made.... 48.
" funerals attended.......1.
" marriages solemnized......7.
" largest congregation.....130.
" average congregation.....65.
" average attendance at prayer-meetings..20
" average attendance at Sunday-school..20
" hopeful conversions......8.
" added to church on conf., 1 by letter, 1
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft..........$1.15

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions..........$23.85

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter..........$3.00

What new opening for preaching? Pine City
" " a church? " "
" " a Sunday-school? " "

Rev. A. F. Sherrill 13206. [Sherrill, Rev. A. F.]

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Atlanta Ap. 6.

Respecting Genl Assn.

Dear Dr Clark. I have just returned from our ~~the~~ General Convention of all colors at Macon. It went thro' well, no trouble. I have just sent a report to "the Congrst". By common vote we are next year to have a 2 days' session. I preached at our 1st Color'd Church here last Sunday, am to lecture at "Atlanta University" tomorrow eve'g, and this at Macon, all

in one week. Every
Ward might be happy,
We had a delightful
visit of 2 or 3 days last
week, from Gen. How-
ard. He is a good
one. We are all well
and the Spring is very
beautiful. You should
come now.
I thot I wd just send
this note to tell you
we got thro' well at
Macon. Yrs very truly
Love to all. A. D. Sherrill.

Sherrill, Rev. A. F.

Atlanta, May 3 - Wed

Dear Dr Clark.

We last eve'g changed the name "Church of the Redeemer" to "Central Congregational Church". desiring to no longer cover & hide. but make the Denom'n known -

Yrs A. F. Sherrill.

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Rev A. F. Sherill

Atlanta

May 3/93

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Change of name of church.

[Smith, Felix G.]

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Name of Missionary, Felix G Smith

P. O. Address, Cartecay Ga - Gilmer Co

Report for Quarter ending apl 1st 1895

Date of this Letter, March 29 1895

The wether during the quarter has been unusually severe both in snow and rain This together with my ill health accounts for no more work being done. I am more hopeful now of our success than I have been heretofore. We have had some obstacles to overcome before we could have success. These seem now to be rapidley fading away. So the future begins to look more hopeful

Very Truly

Felix G. Smith

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Rev. Felix G. Smith,

Cartecay,

Ga.

Date, Mar 29, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending April 1st 1893

Collection, $ 3 50/100

Due, $ 21 50/100

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June 6/92

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached.	7
" prayer-meetings attended.	
" Sunday-school sessions attended.	
" In what capacity?	
" baptisms: adult, infant,	
" pastoral visits made.	9
" funerals attended.	2
" marriages solemnized.	
" largest congregation.	
" average congregation.	
" average attendance at prayer-meetings.	
" average attendance at Sunday-school.	
" hopeful conversions.	
" added to church on conf., by letter,	
" members died, dismissed, excluded,	

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft.	$ 5.50
Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions.	$ 21 50/100
Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter.	$ 9.00
What new opening for preaching?	Several
" a church?	Can't Say
" a Sunday-school?	Can't Say

[Smith, G. N.]

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Name of Missionary, G. N. Smith

P. O. Address, Baxly, Ga.

Report for Quarter ending April, the 1 1893

Date of this Letter, March, the 30 1843

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Rev. G. N. Smith,

Barley,

Ga.

Date, Mar 3, 1893.

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Report for Quarter

ending ——— 18

Collection, $ ———

Due, $ 12 50

Aug 29/92.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached........11........
" prayer-meetings attended.... 9........
" Sunday-school sessions attended...9....
" In what capacity?......P.S.......
" baptisms: adult, infant,
" pastoral visits made.... ...22.......
" funerals attended..........4........
" marriages solemnized..........0.......
" largest congregation..........150...
" average congregation..........75......
" average attendance at prayer-meetings. 20
" average attendance at Sunday-school 25.
" hopeful conversions......can't say
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0
" members died, 0 dismissed, 1 excluded,

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft..........0........$

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions..........$12.50........$ 12 50

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter..........0..........$

What new opening for preaching?

" 2 " a church? -3

" 0 " a Sunday-school?

[Spillens, Ashbel P.]

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Name of Missionary, Ashbel P Spillers

P. O. Address, Americus Georgia Sumter Co

Report for Quarter ending March 31st 1893

Date of this Letter, March 31st 1893

Dear Brethren

We believe that our Churches are getting a long very well. they are a little behind in their finances but last year was one of the hardest that we have had in many. I think will now be able to meet their obligations. I will have four Churches to serve another year. one of them is near a State Convict camp where I preached last Sabath there is ninety three in the camp. At La Cross we want to build a church this year. we think it very important point

We lately received a box from Flushing New york & it never could have come in A better time we certainly in need of it May God richly bless the donors. & our most noble Society A. P. Spillers

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Rev. Ashbel P. Spiller.

Americus.

Ga.

Date, Mar. 31, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending April 1st. 1893.

Collection, $

Due, $50.00

June 6/92.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached. 35
" prayer-meetings attended. 8
" Sunday-school sessions attended. none
" In what capacity?
" baptisms: adult, none infant, none
" pastoral visits made. 85
" funerals attended. none
" marriages solemnized. none
" largest congregation. 150
" average congregation. 100
" average attendance at prayer-meetings. 40
" average attendance at Sunday-school.
" hopeful conversions.
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 1
" members died, none dismissed, 2 excluded, none

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft. none $

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions. $5000

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter. $1890

What new opening for preaching? none

" " a church? none

" " a Sunday-school? none

[Spriggs, John]

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Name of Missionary, John. Sfriggs.

P. O. Address, Mier Ga

Report for Quarter ending March 31 1893

Date of this Letter, March 27 1893

We have had a hard strungel thron this winter
season but the Dear lord have brought us all saft
thron and the frosfect is brighter for building up
churches and SS then I have seen them for some times
and I am goin and freaching and dong ever thing I
can ~~to~~ to in the name of the Dear lord and as times
is very hard the feafle is foor ~~and~~ but theay air willing
to ~~do~~ all theay can to the Home Misson society
we air needing som bifles and ~~t~~ tester ments in our
SS for theay air not abel to by littune to run theyr
schools and I would be very Glad to get sone
~~teste~~ for those Schools May god Bless everyone
that fays in to the AHMS this is my frear

Sencerly yours

John. Sfriggs.

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Rev. John Spriggs,
Wier,
Ga.

Date, Mar 27, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending April 1st 1893

Collection, $ 150

~~Due, $123 50~~

Due 22 50/100

July 11/92.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached	50
" prayer-meetings attended	4
" Sunday-school sessions attended	5
" In what capacity?	as minister
" baptisms: adult, infant,	50
" pastoral visits made	00
" funerals attended	00
" marriages solemnized	
" largest congregation	50
" average congregation	15
" average attendance at prayer-meetings	25
" average attendance at Sunday-school	30
" hopeful conversions	00
" added to church on conf., 00 by letter,	00
" members died, 00 dismissed, 00 excluded,	00

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft........$150

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions........$12,350,

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter........$

What new opening for preaching?

" a church? Churches

" a Sunday-school? Sundays school

Dear Brothern if I am mistakin in the amount due me rectify it and it will be all right with me if you please

[Thomas, Lewis]

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Name of Missionary, Lewis Thomas

P. O. Address, Hobsken Ga Pierce county

Report for Quarter ending April first 1893

Date of this Letter, March 29 1893

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Rev. Lewis

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Thomas

Hoboken,

Ga.

29, 1893.

for Quarter

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llection, $ 1.7/100 2

Due, $ 11.50/00

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Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft.......$ 1.00

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions.......$11.50

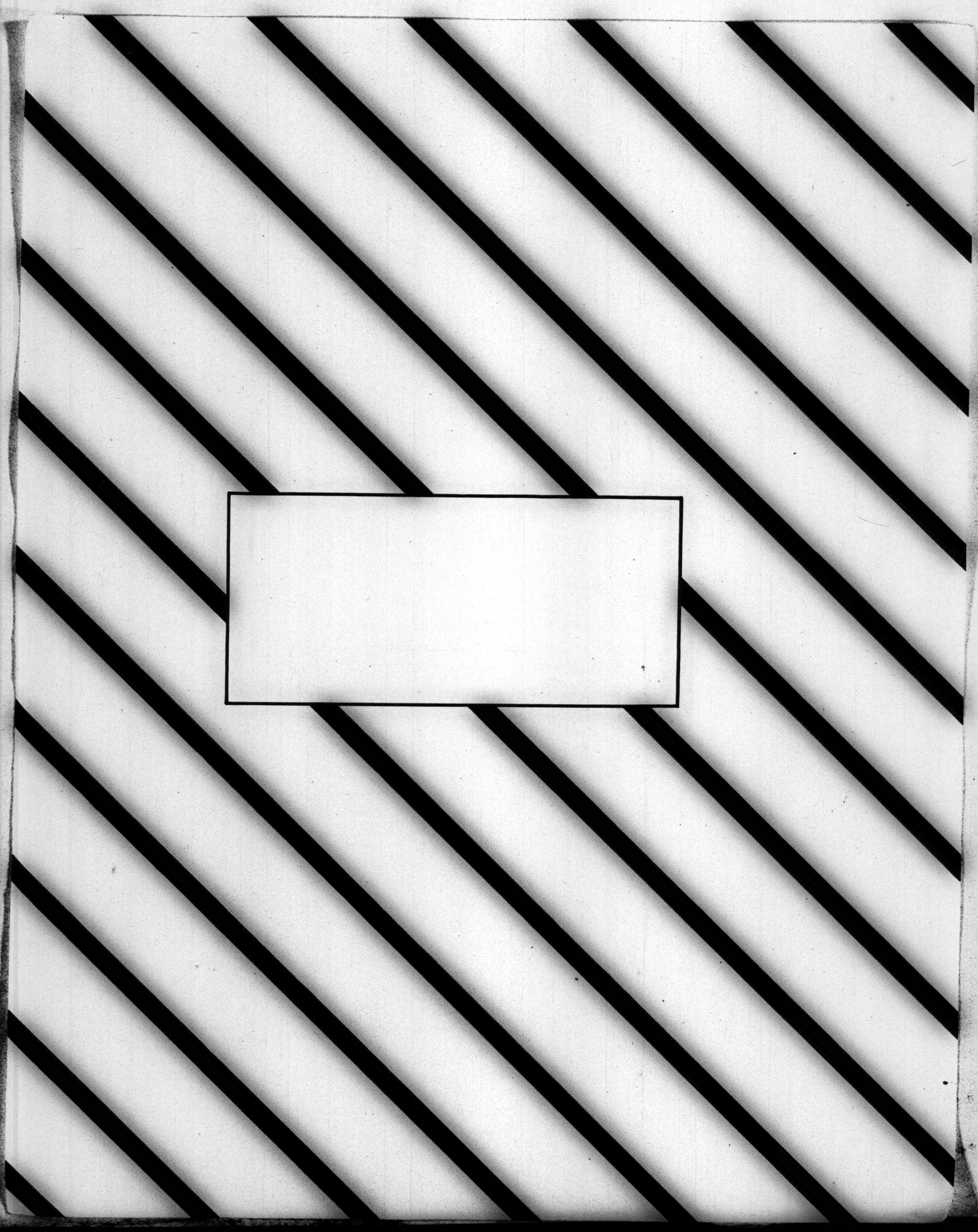
Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter.......$5.00

What new opening for preaching? Broganzy

" " a church?

" " a Sunday-school?

No. of sermons preached.......40
" prayer-meetings attended.......12
" Sunday-school sessions attended.......5
" In what capacity?.......
" baptisms: adult, 2 infant,
" pastoral visits made.......12
" funerals attended.......2
" marriages solemnized.......
" largest congregation.......250
" average congregation.......75
" average attendance at prayer-meetings.......25
" average attendance at Sunday-school.......40
" hopeful conversions.......6
" added to church on conf., 4 by letter,
" members died, dismissed, 4 excluded,



AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PAPERS

1816-1894

SERIES I

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

HAWAII

1847 - 1877

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At Sea Friday Noon Dec 24. 1847
Lat near 46° S Long near 57° W

Rev Messrs Badger & Hall

I must write you in much haste as a whaler's boat is approaching us & near. We fell in with a Brazilian Brig off Rio Janeiro & I sent two long letters to you informing you of our progress &c We reached the Equator in 42 days. had been becalmed nearly two weeks. We have since come on rapidly. We had summer tho' not excessively warm in the tropics, but now it is becoming like late Autumn. Our woolen garments are in requisition. We are all in good health & have abundant comforts, food, raiment mental & social enjoyments. This voyage proves a very good time for study, We have preaching & a bible class on Sabbath for all & Evening prayers daily. Most of the Officers & passengers & some sailors attend some of these Exercises. I am instructing 5 sailors in reading writing &c; have conversed with most of them.

Will you pay Wardwell & Co Andover for my Bibliotheca Sacra regularly & send it on & charge it to my acct. Newman & Co. may have the Bill. I accept our kind regards. Our captain & officers are kind, our passengers agreeable. Most is as we could desire. We enjoy the voyage very much.

Yours in the bonds of the gospel
George H. Atkinson

I hope Mr Bidwell will read on the Evangelist

George H. Atkinson
Oregon
Dec. 24, 1847

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N.H.) Paſsage round Cape Horn

HAWAII

~~At sea ~ Longitude 65 W Lat. 57 S~~

Monday, ~~Evening~~ Jany 3d 1848

~~Messrs. Budgen & Hall.~~

We are now a little S.E. of Cape Horn. We passed between the Falkland Islands & the main land last week. At first we were much becalmed, but a Northerly breeze gradually sprung up, & bore us rapidly thro' that calm sea. Indeed it was much like sailing in New York Bay in fine Autumn weather. We had not expected days so pleasant. The Islands seemed to prevent the sea roll. On Saturday morning we thought ourselves near Staten Land. Capt. Hollis had designed to go through the Sts of Le Maire, but it was foggy. He then turned east along the North shore of the Island. At night we made Southing & Westing. It was misty all day so that we saw no land. But at 48 fathoms the lead brought up pebbles. Multitudes of Albatross, penguins, black ducks & other aquatic birds were sporting on the waves around us. The wind often & suddenly changed. These were all signs of land. In the afternoon we saw a large number of whales spouting. It reminded me of so many New York fountains playing. There were a dozen or more. It is not a common occurrence to see so many together, I am told. We have weather [illegible] a ice point. The New Year's Sabbath dawned brightly; the mists were dissipated. The sea was smooth. A fair wind was bearing us S.S.W. The Thermometer indicated 44° in the morning, but soon 50° & 55°. The decks were dry. A barque was seen ahead two or 3 miles. Every thing promised a pleasant Sabbath. We had not expected so quiet a day at "the Cape". At 10 o. we met for worship in the Cabin as usual. It ~~came~~ was my turn to preach. All the passengers but one, Capt. H. & four of the crew were present. I addressed them from Is. 46:9-10. upon the purposes of God. All listened attentively. We find that the great themes of religion produce the deepest impression & have the most salutary & lasting influence. We have a congregation, which represents as many classes as individuals. All can feel the force of some truths. Upon these we have thus far mainly dwelt. I am also studying & writing upon them carefully for my own benefit. & I find that a well digested sermon is preferable on sea as on shore. As our meeting closed, we were near the barque. It raised the Genoese flag. It seemed to have a light cargo & many passengers, ladies & gentlemen. We noticed round caps, & broad hats & long black cloaks. The latter seemed to have a white cap. We thought it must be a company of Catholic Priests & Nuns, sent out by the Propaganda, as missionaries to the Pacific. A nearer view, discovered, at least one priest, by his scarf & hat, an old lady, & ~~[illegible]~~ some with others children. These last we did not know how to account for. We came up to the leeward & gave them opportunity "to speak" us. But they passed on & we kept more to West, & at night could only see their sails far to the Eastward. The name on their stern was in very small letters, but we thought it "Stella del. Mare, of Genoa" – Star of the Sea. The day continued fair & very pleasant. Studding sails were set & we were sailing west. Our Bible class & evening devotions were attended with the usual interest. After which we read or walked the deck. I conversed long with Capt. H. upon religious subjects & his own state; but found no evidence of piety or fear or interest, yet he is doubtless unwilling to tell all he thinks & feels. He has a praying mother, brothers & sisters. I conversed with a sailor also & we have every opportunity to do this when we wish. They do only the necessary work on Sabbath & no restraint is ~~thus~~ imposed upon us. We have reason to thank our Captain & Officers for allowing & encouraging our religious services, & ~~here~~ for allowing me to instruct the sailors on week days. Six now come down to learn to read, write, spell & cipher. One came from Capt. Brown's ship the Peruvian. He picked the man up, with three others, in a bay on the west coast of South America. They had lived there 9 mos. upon shell fish, berries & whatever they could find. Several had died, which increased the sadness of the survivors. They

N.H. Interview [illegible] the Ocean. (7) ~~4~~

had left a whale ship. These when found were much emaciated, were afflicted with scurvy, were unshaved & ragged. They soon grew fleshy, & changed in appearance. Capt. B. retained one, sent one on another ship, & offered Capt. H. one if he would come, which he did willingly. Our company have supplied him with some clothing. Our Sailors are liberal to him. He is from Niagara Co. New York. Capt. B. came on board & dined with us. ~~He was known to Capt. [illegible] Brown~~ He has been from home 29 months. Had 1750 bbl. of oil, mostly sperm. He & one of his men had the scurvy badly, we supplied him with some antiscorbutics. The pleasure of our visit was heightened by his interest in religion. On his voyage ~~trip~~ out, while reading ~~a book~~, he was convicted of sin, became penitent & trusted in Christ. He was baptised by Mr. Damon, ~~Sea~~ Seamen's Chaplain at the S. Is. to whom he wrote by us. He now rejoices in the hope, which he formerly scoffed at. He said he enjoyed a religious meeting more than any other ~~place~~ society. He had Sabbath worship & evening prayers on board. Four or five of his officers & men hope in Christ. Indeed he has witnessed a revival at sea. He believes the Sailor will be converted. He often has met pious captains. ~~He said faithful to Capt. B.~~ We sang & prayed with him & he with us. Our parting was like that of old friends. I sent your letter by him.

We have seen ships escaped for the last four Sabbaths.

P *** Last night there were signs of a gale. This we have not had yet. But now our top gallants are furled & fore top sail is reefed. The breeze is strong, waves beginning to roll high, yet the day is pleasant, clear sunshine & warm. We were going S.E. have just tacked & our course is N. 10 by W. Some are sea sick as always in rough weather.

I still enjoy the voyage much. We trust God will prosper us on our way as he has done thus far. ~~Yours in the Gospel George H. Atkinson~~

Shepard

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Tuesday, [illegible] Jany 5th 1847

Rev. & Dear Sir

The fresh gale of yesterday ceased in the afternoon. The wind had veered from N.W. to S.W. The ~~wind~~ soon subsided & we were borne on favorably S.W. Overcoats were comfortable on deck, but we have had no very cold weather. None so cold here as in 40° S.

This morning we were aroused by the call "land in sight". Cape Horn was seen dimly, bearing N.W. Cape Deceit was a little east of it. A fair wind was bearing us due west. Before 9 o'c. A.M. land appeared in several points to the west of Cape Horn. We all hastened to view all we could with glasses, though it was slowly raining. We had seen no land since leaving N. England. Soon a ship appeared on our lee beam under full sail, bound to the East. It was far off & we had less desire to watch its progress than to see ~~[illegible]~~ the barren islands south of Terra del Fuego. The wind was fresh from the North, bearing us perfectly due west. Most of the sails set. The clouds frequently cleared & we saw the sun shining upon the rocky peaks, one of which seemed to be an extinct volcano, filled with snow. Mr Capt. Hollis & Mr ~~[illegible]~~ & several of the passengers were sketching the ~~scene~~ peaks. Some were from twenty to thirty miles distant their relative positions did not change rapidly.

At one oclock all our Studding sails were out & we were sailing 10 knots per hour due west. This has continued all the afternoon. We have passed the Islands called Diego Ramirez. It is a small cluster of high rocks apparently covered with moss. It is 52 miles from "The Cape" ~~Horn~~ We were about 10 miles N. of them as we sailed by, yet saw the surf beating high upon them. Some of the company sketched their outline. New peaks were appearing to the North & North west, most of them covered with snow & evidently high & far distant. We are now at 6 o.c. having a little squall.

All have been deeply interested in our progress to-day. It is said to be unusual to have a wind so fair. Several of our number have often passed the Cape, but never with a sea so calm, & with so many sails set. Capt. Brewer has doubled it eight times, four out bound, yet always with storms. We trust still that we shall go on prosperously.

Cape Horn is a small island, with bold rocky bluff, rising to mountain height. It seemed, bare & rugged, fit landmark for the tempests of this southern coast. It has stood prominent, the mariner's beacon, since these se have been traversed. Cook & Vancouver saw it. Other navigators, centuries hence, shall see it, as firmly braced against the waves as now; the highest & foremost of sentinel of the band. Its compeers shall still press their iron bosoms on either side against contending oceans. Men will sink into the grave, but these solid monuments will remain, to fix their stern impress upon the ~~every~~ gazing voyager. May He, who established their foundations, guide every frail bark along their surf-beaten sides, as safely as He hath ours. And when in His providence, some Missionary Ship shall approach these rocky isles, bearing the messages of peace & love to the poor, ignorant & degraded members of our race, who alone dwell on these bleak shores, may the beacon light of the gospel be raised, to guide the Traveller to Eternity, & to stand while these massive bulwarks endure. Then as material structures fall, & mountains crumble, & oceans cease to roll, the ransomed Spirit of the Fuegian shall live on to partake of new joys forever.

Monday Jany 10th 1848. A Bark is approaching us under full sail. We are sailing North with a good wind. Last week on Tuesday night we had a gale & rode under reefed top sails. Our course was west by South. Yesterday, after a few hours calm, the wind sprang up from the South & we could turn N. We are running up on or near the 8° long. All well.

Yours with much respect

George H. Atkinson

[illegible] long. Please send Upham's Intellectual Philosophy & [illegible] on the Sensibilities & Will.

Rev. Messrs. Badger & Hall
Secretaries A.H.M. Soc.
New York City

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Please send me out 2 reams sermon paper & 1/2 ream wrapping paper, variety, some for letters. Will you send Barnes' Isaiah when the revised edition is out & if no such revision is made send the present one.

Yours G. H. Atkinson

The Brig [illegible] Blaikie, Liverpool, or Valparaiso. Please send two 3 or 4 blank books for journals. 2 for the [illegible]

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no 1 ~~Pacific Ocean Lat 6 S. Long 108° W.~~

Feb 4. 1848

Rev & Dear Sir

We have had a fine sail from the Cape, rapid & pleasant, all have been busy in studying, writing & reading. Our religious services have been attended as usual. We see no evidence of interest, except that for a few evenings past, an unusual number of sailors have attended evening prayers, & some others are disturbed by our views of truth. May the Holy Spirit impress the truth upon the heart.

We are all in good health. We expect to be at the Islands in three or four weeks, & are preparing letters & finishing up the work of the voyage, concluding books & studies. Our voyage has been on the whole very pleasant. We have been in contact with some evil. Yet this is found on shore & can nowhere be escaped. We have reason to bless God for our prosperity thus far & to trust Him for the future.

No adventure has occurred since leaving the Cape, except our approach to

* We have every comfort here. The weather tho cool to the people is debilitating to us. On the 28th a vessel sailed for Oregon City & would gladly have taken us but we could not obtain our goods. Besides our acquaintance & sympathy with the Mission here would [illegible] our [illegible] there. [illegible] hope a vessel will be here [illegible] in a month.

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Massa fuero mistaking it for Juan Fernandez. It lies 75 M's East. Several had seen both before but Islands & lands at Sea appear very different from different points. I happened to have a gazetteer, which gave a full description & settled the question. Our chronometer gave us the Long. of Massafuero, but those who had seen it, were confident that it was low, but this was a very high Island. One of the peaks was constantly in the clouds. We saw a little sealers Cabin, uninhabited & a small plat of grass, a few stunted trees on the rugged ledges. It was the dry season & the cascades were only indicated by their courses. The shore was bold except on the west side. It was an object of interest because it was land & solid mountain of rock. Otherwise it was forbidding.

We took the S.E. Trades in about 30° S. & have since been sailing N.W.

A vessel is in sight & approaching us to speak us. For this reason I hasten to fold up letters for you & add this.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

George H. Atkinson

The ship a whaler came near, but turned away without showing the civility to answer our flag. Soon two other whalers hove in

My baggage & furniture & are allowed to pass as that of the A.B.C.F.M. without duty. I paid a heavy duty on Mr. A & Co's books not subject to debenture because less than a thousand dollars. Yet the want of Books will furnish a market for them in Oregon.

sight far off. We are crossing the off shore whaling ground. It is visited in the winter season, before whalers go to the N.W. Coast. Sperm whales are found here.

Feb. 12. Lat. 9° N. Long. 124° W.

We have crossed "the line" & taken the N.E. Trades again, suffering but a few hours delay by the "variables". The wind blows fresh & we are moving swiftly onward toward our destined port. Honolulu is about 2100 ms distant today. We hope to arrive there in 10 or 11 days. We have been out 112 days & have sailed 14.034 ms. Our Barque has been painted, & put in order to be seen. We are preparing to go ashore, i.e. arranging baggage, making out manifestoes &c. It is like getting ready to go ashore in Liverpool three days out from Boston.

Honolulu. March 1st 1848

Dear Sir We arrived here Saturday Morning Feb. 26th 1848 125 days from Boston, having sailed 16.200 miles. We saw Hawaii three days before but were delayed by contrary winds & calms. The Trades are unsteady here at this season. It is rainy but very mild. Rev. Mr. Damon, Seaman's Chaplain, Rev. Mr Smith, Mr. Castle & Mr. Hall of the Mission came on board to welcome us. A favorable wind allowed us to

I preached at the Seaman's Chapel Sabbath Eve. My impressions of the Islands as respects missionary labors are favorable. I will send you a letter overland [illegible] by the Samoset. via Canton & the Cape of Good Hope.
[illegible] George H. Atkinson

enter the Harbor through the narrow opening of the Reef. Ten or fifteen vessels large & small were lying at anchor. The village at a distance resembles one in New England, but a nearer view discovers a large number of the native grass houses. The white dwellings still are the exceptions not the rule. At this season the green hill sides & slopes & the luxuriant, broad & dark leaved "hou" trees, hiding the dwellings, lends a peculiar richness to the scenery. A few ~~clusters~~ clumps of Cocoa ~~palms~~ trees with their tufted tops mark the water's edge toward the East. The town seems open to the force of the sea but a hidden reef protects the extended shore. Diamond point & all the adjacent hills seem to be old craters or the result of vocanic action. Little vallies ~~run~~ up from the shore & ~~seem lost~~ lose themselves in the mountains. Several families have their cottages in these quiet retreats.

The brethren had waggons to take our ladies up to the mission premises. These are clustered together beyond the large stone church of the natives. ~~I omitted to mention that~~ This is the most prominent object as seen ~~from the sea~~. Larger than any New England meeting house of old time, it meets your eye as did those noble & venerable monuments of Puritan piety. I trust this was erected with much the same spirit. Sure I am that a faithful Puritan every Sabbath unfolds the truths of religion there. We all met at Mr. Hall's ~~were~~ & were introduced to the mission families, united in prayer & praise to God for our safe arrival & the favors of his Providence. We remained to board with Mr. H. who is a secular agent. They received us as cordially as their own missionaries & will aid us all in their power. Mr. Castle will attend to your wishes. He assisted us in getting our permit & depositing our baggage & cargo in their rooms.

(8) Honolulu March 8^d ~~1848~~

Shepard

~~Rev & Dear Sir~~

~~I have written several letters to send by the Charles via Canton & the Cape of Good Hope. I design to send this to you via that Ship to Canton.~~ [illegible]

We arrived here on Saturday Morning Feb. 26. 48. 125 days from Boston, having sailed 14,202 miles. It is considered a fair passage now. We encountered no severe storms. We had a favorable time for reading & study & opportunity to exert a religious influence upon the Ship's company. We saw no evidence of the conversion of any one on board, unless it be of our cook, a colored man. He seems to be a different man morally. Our captain was very accommodating in allowing us to have religious worship on Sabbath & evening prayers, & also to instruct the sailors. We shall ever feel grateful to him for these favors. We suffered few trials on board compared with those of other missionaries. Much of our comfort & pleasure on the voyage was owing to the kindness of a fellow passenger. Capt. B— who had often been to the Islands. Several of our company suffered frequently from sea sickness but for the most part we were well.

Honolulu is upon the sea shore, apparently exposed to the heavy swells which occur during a storm. but a hidden reef protects the town & the long beach. The reef extends out a mile. A narrow opening furnishes a

Mr. Castle is very busy now & may not be able to write you but he or the other agents will attend to the business you desired & forward any thing sent to [illegible] care. Please address Messrs ~~[illegible]~~ Castle & Hall
Agents A.B.C.F.M. Honolulu.
Oahu.

channel for the entrance of large ships into the Harbor. A southerly wind is needed to enter the channel safely. The North winds blow directly out. In this respect the N. E. Trades are unfavorable, & vessels sometimes lie at anchor outside over a week. We were near all night & ran down in the morning. The wind proved somewhat favorable & the pilot, an American, ventured in. With the aid of ~~sixty~~ Kanakas on one side & one Kedge-anchor & Capstan on the other, we were towed at once near the wharf, amongst ten or fifteen other vessels. Rev. S. C. Damon, Seaman's Chaplain, & Rev. L. Smith, Messrs. Castle & Hall of the mission, soon came on board cordially welcoming us all. They had heard of our [illegible], but were not expecting our arrival so soon. They informed us of Mr. Richard's death & of the dreadful massacre in Oregon of Dr. Whitman, his wife & nine others by the Cayuse Indians. ~~The Indians supposed the Dr. was poisoning them & that Mrs. W. was accessory to it.~~ The fear was expressed that Mr. Spalding & his family shared the same fate. All are anxious to hear from him.

We were invited to the mission premises, which are three fourths of a mile to the east of the Harbor. There at Mr. Hall's, met the gentlemen of the mission & most of their families, & united with them in giving thanks to God for our prosperous voyage & safe arrival. We were as kindly received as those of their own corps. The missionaries here feel a deep interest in the welfare of Oregon & rejoice that the A. H. M. Society are sending ministers to the new settlements there. They will aid the work to the extent of their power. Mr. Hall with whom Mrs. A. & myself are boarding was in Oregon in 1840 & 41. He will give me a letter to Gov. Abernethy who is much esteemed by christians there. Rev. Mr. Armstrong will also furnish letters to others, who will be coadjutors in our work. The trade between the Islands & Oregon is increasing.

Much interest is also felt in the moral welfare of California. I learn that none are preaching there. The Sabbath is disregarded. A Mr. Lyman formerly a minister in or near Worcester Mass. having lost his health, came to the Islands & remained several months. While here he aided Mr. Cook in the Chiefs school. He was much respected for his talent & education & beloved for his piety. Recently he went to California & is now surveying lands. He gives a sad account of the religious affairs of the people. Mr. Hall has directed him to the A.H.M.S. for ministers & suggested his writing you. He wishes me to write Mr. L. & mention particularly his giving you in successive letters an ~~account~~ views of the condition of our people in California. I will write him to this effect & I trust you will hear from him.

I am happily disappointed in respect to the state of things here. It is true, on the dock, many natives are idle & illy clad, some without pants, but at church & wherever you meet the better class, I am gratified at the intelligence & propriety of conduct they exhibit. I was prepared to see more of heathenism. But at chh. they were properly though not tastefully attired. A thousand or more listened attentively to the fervent preaching of Rev. Mr.

Armstrong. Some took notes. The choir sang as well as many in New England. It was led by Judge Andrews. The King & Queen, the Premier & his wife & the young chiefs occupied a prominent ~~seats~~ pews near the wall to the right of the minister. The galleries were occupied by the natives, all seated as below upon proper seats. The Sabbath Schools & Bible classes are attended between the Morning & Afternoon service. The natives have a prayer meeting every morning at 5 o.c. A.M. continuing till daylight. The pastors are holding a kind of protracted meetings with them in different districts. I attended one with Mr. S. It was gratifying to notice their attention & their fervency in prayer. There seems to be a revival among the

A vessel left this Port for the Columbia River last week. Another on the 28th but too soon for us. Gov. Abernethy called out troops to suppress the Indians. We learn that the subject of Education needs to be very much attended to. The people are judged to be ignorant. Intemperance is increasing. Licenses are granted, vox populi. The Willamette valley is said to possess a very humid climate, rain incessantly for six months! - A Hudson Bay Co. ship is expected this month to return immediately. We may have an earlier opportunity. We hope for one yet; our

detention may not be unprofitable. Our health is good. Mrs. A. weak from seasickness & other natural causes. Yours in the bonds of the Gospel

George H. Atkinson

Rev. G. H. Atkinson
Honolulu, March 2d 1848.

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Rev. Milton Badger D.D.
Secy A. H. M. Socy
New-York City

By Overland Mail

[Atkinson, Rev. George]

Honolulu May 10. 1848

Dear Sir

I have just learned of an opportunity to send a letter overland via Mazatlan. I wrote you via China & sent by different vessels. We have been detained here ten weeks. On Saturday the Cowlitz, a Barque of the H. H. B. co arrived from the Columbia River. She will return in fifteen or twenty days. We hope to go up in that vessel. The missionaries have assembled from the different Islands to hold their general meeting. We are much gratified to see them. We have been uniformly greeted with cordiality. We have been the welcome guests of several mission families though our home has been at Mr. E. O. Hall's. He was a printer in New York & came out in that capacity twelve years since. He was transferred to the secular department, or rather to be an agent at the Depository in 1840, where he now remains. He and his family deserve our gratitude for their kind attentions and aid. We also feel indebted to other mission families here and elsewhere as we have together, or alone visited them. I feel unable to express my full and exact convictions of their labors and influence upon the Islands. Letters or narratives or even histories will not convey the true idea to those who never have visited the Islands, or at to those who never saw the "heathen" in their homes. I feel confident that the principles upon which our foreign missions are conducted are the best on the whole. They direct laborers first to the spiritual good of the people, then seek to introduce civilization and all its blessings. Religious Education is the channel of spiritual influence. The results on these Islands, is that the people are well acquainted with Scriptures & with christian duties. Their religious tendencies are strongly developed. They are ready to assume the christian name, are anxious to join the church. And yet they have little strength of Christian principle. They yield to sin upon very slight temptation. They give little evidence of piety in performing the duties, which at home we esteem good evidence of piety. They pray with much readiness, exhort also. It is the effort of the brethren to keep them out of the church, as catechumens, instead of admitting them upon application. Were the doors of the church thrown open thousands would rush in, who now are excluded. Still we are not to think none are sound. Multitudes I believe are regenerated. The nation feels the salutary influence of the churches, & schools. It may not rise rapidly enough to stay the tide of Foreign domination. It may be swallowed up by the rage, which is sweeping the world, to obtain lands for its colonies. But in such an event the churches at home will feel repaid for their sacrifices in the salvation of souls, and the glory of their common Lord.

We have no definite news from the Willamette valley. No papers later than Jany. It is reported that the American settlers are pursuing the Kayuse Indians who murdered Dr. Whitman, his wife & Eleven others. A battle had been fought in which some on both sides had fallen. The Indians fled to the mountains. Mr Eells writes, that the Indians about them were quiet on Jany 24th yet he with Mr Walker and their families were in danger should the war continue. Mr Spalding and family went down from Clear water to Walla Walla guarded by forty Nez Perce Indians & had left for Fort Vancouver. But no letters have been rec'd from him as yet we know not why. The war will not affect the Willamette Valley we suppose except by emplaying some of the settlers and expending public funds & occupying attention. Its existence will not deter us. We are in good health and are desirous to go on. The fare will be sixty dollars to Fort Vancouver, twelve dollars for freight. Our baggage must go as freight as the State Room will not hold it. This will increase our bills. But our funds will meet the expectation formed when we left Boston.

I have visited the stations on this Island. Recently I went to Maui. The government generously gave me a passage on their vessel. The fare is five dollars. They offered me one on my return but I came back in a Whaler. Please notice the fact. The brethren are so much employed that I think none of them write by this opportunity. You will perhaps do a favor by mentioning all the intelligence I have given. Please let J. L. Hall or William Atkinson of Brooklyn see this letter & the enclosed.

Yours in the best bonds. George H. Atkinson

It will not be safe for Mr Lyman to come over the mountains. The Kayuses threaten to kill all emigrants & the war may become general on the mountains. We have heard nothing from you or friends since we left. G. H. A.

Rev. G. H. Atkinson,
Honolulu, May 10. 1848.
On his way to Oregon.

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Rev. Messrs Badger and Hall
Secretaries A. H. M. Soc.
New-York City

[Atkinson, Rev. / G. H.]

Honolulu May 16th 1848

Rev and Dear Sir

I wrote you a few days since and sent the letter via Mazatlan. The H. H. B. Co's Bark Cowlitz had arrived from the River and I hoped to engage a passage on her return. The Agent has assented to carry us. We expect to sail the 22d or 23d. Passage money, $100. each, Freight $12, per ton. A son of the Rev. Mr. Gulick Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. at the Islands is to accompany us to Oregon for his health. He is 16 years of age, a professor of religion, intelligent and prepared to instruct if he recovers his health. He may find a place of labor for a season there. We have been here nearly 12 weeks. Have boarded most of the time at Mr. E. O. Hall's yet we have been frequently in the families of other missionaries. Mr. Hall generously declines receiving pay or making out a bill. Had we hired our board in the place it would have amounted to $100. or more. I shall make his family a small remuneration of $25. While yet I shall feel that we

Our postage overland is 50c or 75c per letter prepaid. For this reason I have written less than I should otherwise have done.

are indebted to him, and that the cause
of Home Missions has rec'd a large
donation by his hospitality. I hope al-
so that you will acknowledge the
kindness of the mission families here
during our sojourn. We have been kindly
invited to their several stations and
wherever we have accepted, they gave us a
Christian welcome. Among them I
would include other residents here
who have shown us no little kindness.
The Government gave me a passage to
Lahaina [illegible], which was doubtless in
consideration of my connection with
your Society.

The Missionaries with their fami-
lies are in attendance at their Gen-
eral Meeting. It is held biennially.
The occasion is one of great interest.
Questions of location of new Missiona-
ries, of provision for children of the mis-
sion, of return and disposition of the [illegible]
in addition to those of [illegible] labor and appropria-
tion come up and occupy much thought and
prayer and discussion. Today the question

Whether, Rev. R. Armstrong shall accept the invitation of Govt to be the Minister of Public Instruction, in place of the late Rev. William Richards is before them. It is a difficult point. The principle is against it. But he is needed. The schools will suffer and perhaps go down unless he or some other Missionary assume the office. All the brethren speak in turn. All feel the difficulties. May the Lord guide them to a right result.

We rejoice to go on to our field although it would be extremely interesting to remain until the General Meeting is over. The brethren here offer us an asylum and a home, if the fever and ague or any circumstances, should compel us to leave Oregon. We of course hope to bear the sickness and trials of a new country as firmly as our brethren at the west. Yet we feel grateful for this expression of interest. We know it indicates a desire that the work may go on in Oregon and that none return home on account of sickness. Our brethren here feel that the cause is very near. Oregon is a neighbor, and the ministers there will almost seem to be in their own native station. I hope at some future time that some of the children of the Mission will settle in Oregon.

I learn by Capt. [illegible] of the Cowlitz that the troops [illegible] to withstand the Indians [illegible] all returned to the Willamette.

I ~~[illegible]~~ have received from the four children of Rev. B. Parker, Missionary A.B.C.F.M. at the station Kaneohe, Oahu, ($11.50) eleven dollars & fifty cents to purchase the S.S. library for some S.S. in Oregon. Will you pay this sum to the Union S.S. on my acct. and see that it is acknowledged to them & also please forward the Books to me.

Messrs Chamberlin, Castle and Hall, secular agents A.B.C.F.M. have afforded ample storage for my goods. Mr. Castle has done the business very kindly. He has been ready to give me every aid & no charge has been made for cartage, storage, or agency. It is especially due to Mr. Castle to acknowledge his frequent favors. I feel much indebted to him for his sympathy and to himself and family for their politeness and hospitality.

I have taken $160. out of the funds deposited with Mr. C. & I have expended 115.25 for furniture for my [illegible] & have been accommodated at the Depository. I have paid duties on Mr. Newman's books & some others for Bibles and tracts but I will settle it in my account with both [illegible].

I take $2.00 in [illegible] for immediate expenses after arrival. [illegible]
[illegible] occasionally [illegible] letters for Oregon [illegible] the Fall [illegible]
[illegible] one of them [illegible]

[Atkinson, George]

Honolulu May 25 1848

Dear Sir

We sail tomorrow morning. The
accommodations are not equal to those on the Samp-
-it. yet the Company allow us a passage as
favor. We shall doubtless be treated with re-
spect and kindness for which the gentlemen of
that Company have been distinguished.

My plan is now to go to Oregon City and remain
until a permanent location can be made. It is thought
that I may be most useful at that place, being
[illegible] [illegible] until the matter is settled.
The Rev. Messrs Clark and Griffin are in other set-
tlements. A Methodist and a Catholic Church are
established at the Falls. My information respect-
ing the Country has not much increased since
coming to the Islands. The papers advertise the
several firms and trades. Business is in-
creasing in the Country and with it the base
seems to be safe. I see no sign of Speculation.

The Friends of Temperance are not successful are still
trying to maintain their position or gain it again. Yet I am

told that Spirits are distilled by some of the settlers and sold to the Indians, and to sailors, which causes great trouble.

I send you a number of the Polynesian containing an address which I delivered to the Society here. You are aware that Spirits are not sold to the natives. There is no drunkenness among them. But liquors are retailed abundantly to foreigners. Wine is much used in the higher circles, and few remain firmly the advocates of total abstinence. Two Societies meet regularly to discuss questions relating to the subject. Good and intelligent men inform and strive to promote the cause. It is to be hoped that they will succeed in reclaiming some who have fallen, and in arresting some who are unfortunately becoming intemperate.

I ought not to omit the name of Rev. S. C. Damon Seamen's Chaplain. He has been very polite to us during our sojourn here, and we feel that he is one of our warm friends. He is a laborious man, doing all in his power for the seamen, visiting every vessel which enters the harbor, attending

I have had time to write only to my parents. If my Bro. W. Atkinson calls please let him see this letter. So Mrs. A's Brother Theo. Bates of the Carlton house Broadway. Let him [illegible] from [illegible] if you please. G. T. A.

Visits the English and American Hospitals,
visiting families of residents in case of sick[ness]
visit and [illegible] besides preaching in
the Bethel Church twice on the Sabbath. Ha[s]
also had a weekly meeting. He is not pastor of the
Church at present. Wickedness that prevailed
so much that the people of God seem want[ing]
ved in the world and be without [illegible]
[illegible] to live. Some effort is now making to
revive the Church or organize a new one
It is difficult to form a Church of people from
every land. Discipline and doctrine can
hardly be preserved. It would be well
if a Church separate from the Bethel
built up. A Theatre is now built and
soon it will be brilliant with the fashion
and gayety of the town.

I have preached frequently for Mr. D.
The congregation is intelligent. Yet a large
part of the residents [illegible] attend [illegible]
[illegible] go to the Catholic Church but more
not attend any place of worship. This

[illegible] of [illegible] Missionaries [illegible] And
it is interesting to [illegible] all the [illegible]
foreigners are settled & married to native females.
They are raising up families. Many of these
children have no instruction. They have
more talent and enterprise than the natives
but less knowledge and character. Some of the
parents are waking up to the subject. At
Wailuku they have asked the Missionaries
to give their families religious instruction on the Sabbath
which is now done. They also have hired a teacher for the
day school. But other parents are neglecting the whole
matter. Many of these foreigners become like the na-
tives in their habits.

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] He says a pastor is
calculated to form a new society and support a minister. He
is the proper candidate. He is almost decided not to ask
the mission for a new location. He will make an excel-
lent pastor and preacher. His [illegible] is [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] & I trust prudent. This is an important
place, one that must be filled by some one. I regret
that he thinks of leaving the Mission, but I shall rejoice if
he remains to break the bread of life to that people. [illegible] Mr.
H. would be remembered to Mr Hall and family.

Mr. Armstrong leaves the Mission of his own
accord. He will doubtless be Minister of Public
Instruction. He felt compelled to do so for the [illegible]
the schools. Several of the brethren are of the same [illegible]
Others thought otherwise, [illegible] opposed. [illegible] will proba-
bly feel a degree of safety with regard to the schools, which the[illegible]

Could not feel if the [illegible] of them [illegible] & support [illegible] should [illegible] upon the
[illegible] in the Board [illegible]

[Bond, Mr. E.]

Kohala, Hawaii. Sand. Islands
Nov. 6 1848 –

To

Treasr of A. H. M. Soc.

My dear Sir,

Enclosed you will see a draft in duplicate for $60 drawn upon the Treasr of A.B.C.F.M. in favor of yr Socy – The amt is a donation fr. the Chh. in Kohala to aid the Soc. in its mighty struggles with Error in the Valley of the West.

Were we rich in the things of this world gladly wd we multiply the gift we now send, indefinitely. Sure I am, it cd not be too large to satisfy the necessities of the present crisis in the condition of our native land – specially in its great western territory. I am amazed at the smallness of the Soc.' receipts at the present period! How *can* the philanthropists, the patriots, the christians of the U. S. slumber whilst interests so vitally precious not to that land only, but to the world, are at stake? and not only at stake but fearfully jeopardised by the existing state of comparative inaction. Interests too, that with becoming effort may *now* so surely be saved for the present & for all coming generations.

One wd think it a matter of the simplest economy, considered merely in a worldly point of view to *save* now, what in coming time, if supinely suffered to be lost can only be *recovered* (& *it is to be recovered if lost*) by untold expenditures of the church's wealth & an incredible amount of self denying toil & sacrifice.

The Lord work with yr noble society & its self-sacrificing agents - making it & them mighty thro' faith in Him to the pulling down of the strong holds of the adversary in our father land, & of building upon the ruins thereof, the Kingdom of Christ our common Lord.

"The gold & silver are the Lords & despite of human avarice & even Christian stinginess, He will yet practically verify the fact before ~~the~~ world - & triumphantly vindicate His claim to the objects of His own creation. A blessed day indeed will that be when the bolts & the bars shall finally be wrenched fr. the treasure vaults of the chh. - when the silver & the gold shall leap forth fr. their hoarded heaps to do their creator's bidding in redeeming a lost world fr. sin & death -

In that day prayer will follow the *treasure* & millions of hearts will cry "God speed you on yr. Errand of love"!

We at the Islands are contending on a smaller, as you in U.S. are on a larger scale with the wily power of Popery. The agents of that ruinous system of error, here, are vigilant & active men. But the contest waged, if obstinate & severe for us, is much more obstinate, & severe for them. They fight *against* the truth – we *for* it. The issue is not doubtful – tho for reasons not clearly apprehended by us, Infinite Wisdom *might* give temporary advantage to that destructive scheme of the great adversary in this as well as in any other land.

In point of fact, the progress of popery on these Islands, has been slow, whatever representations may be made to the contrary; & during the past two years the impression is general that no advances have been made but on the contrary that their cause has rather retrograded. In this district they certainly are not *more* numerous than they were three years since. Our most observing people say decidedly not so much so. One thing is [illegible] clear as sun-light to all, viz. that the tone & bearing of papist foreign teachers & of native proselytes, has marvellously *fallen* since the overthrow of the French monarchy – if reports are to be credited – towards the Govt of the Islands as well as towards the people generally. A slight doubt perhaps as to the matter of being backed by French guns in their insolent & unscrupulous demands, seems to have had a wonderful efficacy in infusing their proceedings at the Islands with a tincture of the *suaviter in modo.*

They evidently do not relish the idea or the *fact* of Protestantism predominant on these Islands & yet seem unwilling to risk the success of their efforts to overthrow it unless French cannon can be made to *speak* in their behalf –

We propose to constitute, with the enclosed am't, Revd Charles Penney of Gilmanton N. H. & Rev. W. W. Rand of Standish Me. honorary members of the A.H.M.S.

In case either of these individuals shall have become members ere the arrival of this - please substitute the name of Revd Andrew Dunning of Plainfield Ct.

Very truly
yrs
E Bond

Mr E. Bond Kohala,
Sandwich I. Nov 8. [illegible]48
Sends duplicate dft. for
$60. on A.B.C.F.M.

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Jasper Corning Esq
Treas^r A.H.M.S.
New York

[Castle, L.N.]

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Saml. N. Castle

Honolulu Nov 10 1849

Dr Sir

Above I hand you Statement of A.H.M.S a/c as it stands on our books. Since the acquisition of California the intercourse to Oregon has been so turned to that channel that we ~~may~~ have I may so no opportunities to communicate with Oregon direct —

It will not therefore be expedient to send any packets by this route but by San Francisco

Very truly yrs friend & bro
S. N. Castle

Rev. Charles Hall
Sec of A.H.M.S.
150 Nassau Street
New York city
U.S.A

[illegible] S.N. Castle
Honolulu S.I. Nov. 10.
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[Bond, EJ]

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Kohala, Hawaii, Sand Isles
Jan. 3 1853

To the Treas. A.H.M. Socy,

Dear Sir,

I have but a moment in which to request you to draw on Mr Hill Treas. A.B.C.F.M. for the sum of $30.00, this being the annual contribution of this Ch. for yr. Socy for the ~~past year~~ current year (1853).

Praying that God may speed the glorious enterprise in which you Socy is engaged

I am very truly

E Bond

Rev. E Bond Kohala
Sand Is. Jan 3. 1853 p30

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[illegible] Society [illegible]

[illegible] has read
[illegible] asking the
[illegible] a minister for
[illegible] lately organized here,
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[illegible] might have added that
[illegible] the profession of
[illegible] among the foreigners here,
[illegible] expected to join that
[illegible] when a minister is
[illegible]

The labors of a minister among
the foreigners is demanded not only
by the spiritual need of these foreign-
ers themselves, but also for the
[illegible] of the natives over whom
[illegible] influence,
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[Damon, Rev. Samuel]

Honolulu 3 d. of Oct. 1888.

To the Secretary of Am. H. Missionary Society
New York.

My Dear Brother,

Enclosed you will find a letter, requesting aid to enable the foreign population of Wailuku, on the island of Maui, to enjoy the services of a settled Pastor, who should preach in English. The time has come when something must be efficiently done for the foreign population on these islands. In Honolulu we have three foreign churches, "Fort St." "The Bethel" and the Reformed (Episcopal) Catholic (English). At Hilo, Hawaii a foreign church is just been organized, and a Pastor is en route from the U.S. viz. the Rev. L. Thompson. Small churches for foreigners are springing up at other localities. At Wailuku, the people want a Preacher and Pastor. If consistent with your rules and constitution, I hope you will send out a man and assist in his support. Deacon Kittredge, has presented the case just as it is. Now I doubt not, that a good man would find enough to do. If inclined to open a school there is a good opening. It is after this manner that the Rev. Mr. Whipple the Reformed Catholic is gaining influence. Whipple, is a brother of Bishop Whipple of Minnesota. —

This very week we have buried one of the old Ave. [illegible] pioneers, the Rev. [illegible] [illegible], He was 74 years old and had labored here near [illegible] years. Others in the natural course of events must soon follow. The Ave. Board thinks that its [illegible] will not allow [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] in English [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible] and [illegible].

Hoping that the [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] a favorable action [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Methodist (English.

Pastor of Bethel [illegible] Church,

[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

P.S. The Rev. Eli [illegible] has just been [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] his pupils [illegible] will be [illegible] occupied by [illegible] [illegible] of San Francisco

[illegible] and Methodism, I hope [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] Catholic is [illegible] in Heaven. [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] 4

Ev. Samuel G. Damon [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[Green, Rev. J. S.]

Makawao, Maui, Hawaiian Islands.
September 28. 1868.

Rev Milton Badger
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Society:

My Dear Brother, I am requested by my neighbor and friend Charles Kittredge M.D. of Wailuku, who is the Committee of the Church and Society at that place to procure a supply for their pulpit, to write you a few lines which he may inclose in a communication of his own, telling you what I know of the place, of the people and of the importance of their obtaining a candidate for settlement with them as a preacher of the gospel and pastor of the Church lately formed there. My former acquaintance with you as Class mate for a season at Andover is the reason I suppose of his request that I write you; certainly one reason, and my long acquaintance with Wailuku may be another reason. Let me say then—

I am distant from Wailuku some fifteen miles ~~and~~ but I have had more or less acquaintance with the place and the people since 1832 when as a Missionary of the A.B.C.F.M. I took up my abode there and forming a native Church labored as preacher and pastor nearly Eleven years. Of the place then I can speak understandingly. And I think it a pleasant village lying at the base of the mountains. [illegible] the land excellent and well watered, and distant some one and a half mile from the sea or two miles from Kahului the harbor where small vessels frequently lie at anchor and receive freight for Honolulu. The village is central, having on the one hand the village of Waikapu two miles only distant, and on the other hana Waiehu, and Waihee the one 1½ mile; the other 3 or 3½ miles distant. From Waikapu to Waihee the people can all easily attend meetings at Wailuku. All foreigners do thus attend on the worship of God.

The foreign population of these villages is not large and what is worse, is a floating one. Two years ago the prospect that Wailuku would become a important village having a large per cent of men and women from foreign countries was very flattering. A disturbing element had been introduced into the village in the shape of a Reformed Catholic party. This party erected a building for public worship, and they have one ministering to them the rites of the Episcopal Chu[illegible] Our friends there, Protestant, non Episcopal brethren, feeling that they had a prior claim to the field having occupied it by occasional preaching in their own houses from the time of the taking of the station in 1832, have formed a Christian Society and a Church. They also erected a pleasant house of worship and employed Rev Thos. G. Thurston as preacher and pastor, who labored with them till he judged that the health of his [illegible] required a change of climate. The little Church and Society are now destitute of one to instruct them in the ways of the Lord, and to break to them the bread of life. It has been suggested to them that they apply to the Home Missionary Society of which you are the Secretary, and I write to say personally I should feel highly gratified to learn that your Society consents to aid the Church of Wailuku and this part of it, and such of the foreign population as are in sympathy with us, and with the faith of the Puritan Fathers from the proselyting influence of those whom we regard as little better than Romanists. Yours in Christian bonds E. [illegible]

P.S. [illegible] is a strong [illegible] of the Hawaiian Board [illegible] Sept 11th 186[illegible]

Rev. J. S. Green.
Makawao. Hawaiian Islands
Sept 28. 1868.

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Endorses the application for aid from "Wailukee Union Prot Ch".

Wailuku, Maui, H.I.
[illegible] Sept 1st 1868

American Home Missionary Society

Gentlemen,

[illegible]
Church [illegible]

Two years ago we came together and formed a Society, built a house of worship — which is entirely free from debt — and obtained from the Government a Charter under the name of the "Wailuku Union Protestant Church and Congregation."

We secured the services of Rev. T. G. Thurston paying him Five Hundred Dollars, he also receiving at the same time from the Native Church of which he was pastor Five Hundred Dollars.

Nearly a year since we were recognized as a Congregational Church and have eleven communicants.

We have but one service on the Sabbath, at eleven o'clock, and have just organized a Sabbath School which follows this service.

The average attendance is twenty eight, but could we reach the neighborhood, the number would nearly be doubled.

Mr. Thurston has left for the States in consequence of the ill health of his wife.

The Native Church are about securing the services of a Native pastor, and we are thus left to our own resources.

We are not of ourselves able to support a pastor [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

We have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Hundred Dollars per year, but our resources have been somewhat diminished, and we could not prom so much in the future. — We are however ready to promise Four Hundred Dollars per annum, and so much more as we can raise.

There is in this region one other place where services in the English language are held on the Sabbath. At the Reformed Catholic Church presided over by Rev. G. B. Whipple, brother of Bishop Whipple of Minn.

The Reformed Catholic Church of these Islands, has for its head Bishop Staley – an Englishman – whose influence is not what we call religious.

The average attendance at the Reformed Catholic Church is about sixteen to twenty.

There are two other Churches where the servic are in the English language, on this Island – A Cong gation Church at Makawao, fifteen miles distant presided over by Rev. J. S. Green, and a Reformed Catholic Church at Lahaina twenty miles away, where Rev. Mr. Mason usually preaches.

Rev. G. B. Whipple – who officiates at the Reformed Catholic Church in this place – receives from the Am. Episcopal Society Fifteen Hundred Dollars annu besides his house – built expressly for him – and this enables him to be entirely independent of his Congregati

Wailuku is the centre of this district, which lies along the base of the Mountains eight miles in length. The district contains five Sugar Plantations and mills, all in successful operation.

The foreign population numbers about One Hundred and Thirty, besides a large number who come here and remain from a few days or weeks to months. More than nine tenths of the foreign popula tion are Americans, and nearly all of the floating pop ulation are also Americans; many of them whale sailors, exposed to a rough life. This does not include the Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, or other nationalities, but simply those who speak the English language,

The Natives of these islands are fast disappearing and ere many years they will be peopled almost entirely by foreigners, and chiefly by Americans; and unless our Churches are now built up and supported, the future will see here a godless infidel people,

We ask your aid in supporting a Minister of the Gospel here, and in selecting for us a man fitted for this place.

We want a man of tact, and earnestness; not over-sensitive; of a cheerful, genial disposition; a social man; in our limited community such qualities would be especially appreciated.

His chief work would lie rather in pastoral labor than in pulpit eloquence, and he needs above all the Colporter Spirit.

We are aware that at present the Hawaiian Islands do not form a portion of the Home Missionary Field, yet so closely are all our interests allied with those of the United States — "Our home"; and so certain is it that the day is not far distant when this little Kingdom will become a part of the Great Republic, that we trust you will overlook all objections, and send us a man to build up Christs Kingdom in this great Highway of Nations.

Respectfully Yours
Chas. H. Kittredge
Deacon of the Church and
Committee for the Congregation

[illegible] E. [illegible]
[illegible] Mass [illegible]
Sept 2nd 1864 [illegible]
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Requests the Hon [illegible]
to assign [illegible] to the [illegible]
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[Bond, Rev. E.]

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Kohala Haw. I.
Oct. 31 1876

Wm Henry Smith Esq
Treas A. H. M. S.
Dear Bro.

"It affords me unfeigned pleasure to inclose herewith a gold Draft for the treasury of the Noble Soci^ty you represent. My love for the Soci^ty has, from early years been an abiding love, & never can I forget the glorious work it is doing for the dear Fatherland.

"Would that your ~~you~~ treasury were full-able to send forth a perennial stream of blessing ever broadening in its work & in its magnanimous catholicity as well, till the length & breadth of the continent might be refreshed thereby.

And indeed, despite a treasury too often empty, in these "hard times", I bless God that this is just the work the ~~Soc^y~~ A.H.M.S. is steadily doing. It is a glorious heritage that for which the Soci^ty is laboring, & may the Master crown its efforts with abounding success. I thank you cordially for the constant monthly visits of

The Home Missionary. That and the & Missionary Herald
ever lie side by side upon my table &
in my inmost heart. & A separation
of the two, would, for me, be most unnatu-
ral & unchristian". ~~I thank you
cordially for the constant visits of
the Home Miss~~ "Ever yours in the Master's work." ~~....~~

In acknowledging the contribution
lease say

"Sand. Islands — a Friend $400.00"

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work — E. Bond

unsupplied.
The churches represented in National Council, by a recommended that $500,000 (the same amount as wa the American Board), be annually devoted to this Hon This is nearly *twice* the annual outlay of this Society fo The Council says to the Society: "*Go forward and the you!*" The Executive Committee are ready to obey *churches ready to furnish the men and the money?*

Rev. E. Bond
Kohala
H. I.
Sandwich Islands
Feb. 9th 1877 5894

Dr Storrs
will write

Dft Gold $500.
Premium 22.50
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[Bond, Rev. E]

Kohala H. I.
Feb. 9 1877

H. M. Storrs DD

Dear Bro,

Yr. favor of the 23d Nov. last, gladdened me in its receipt, not a little. It seemed to bring me into closer contact with the grand agency you are so efficiently using for the salvation of the dear Father land. I can never dissociate — & not were I to attempt it — the two glorious instrumentalities in building up the Master's kingdom on earth, the H. M. S. & the A. Board. The Home Missionary wh. you have so patiently continued to send me thro' all these

Rev. E. Bond
Kohala
H. I.
Sandwich Isls

Oct 31st 1876

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Instrs
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Gold $400.
Currency 38.
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past years lies ever side by side with the "Herald" & it wd be no easy task for me to determine wh. of them took precedence in my affections & prayers -

Yr. heavy debt has deeply pained me. I long to see the impediment removed & the way clear for a strong & steady advance in the work you have in hand for Christ -

It affords me real pleasure to say that the Master has this week put into my hands the means, & allows me to send you today, enclosed, a gold Draft for $500 to be used in carrying on the Society's blessed work. Please acknowledge it as fr. "A friend Sand. Islands" & believe me now as ever

Yrs most faithfully
In the work of the Gospel
E. Bond -

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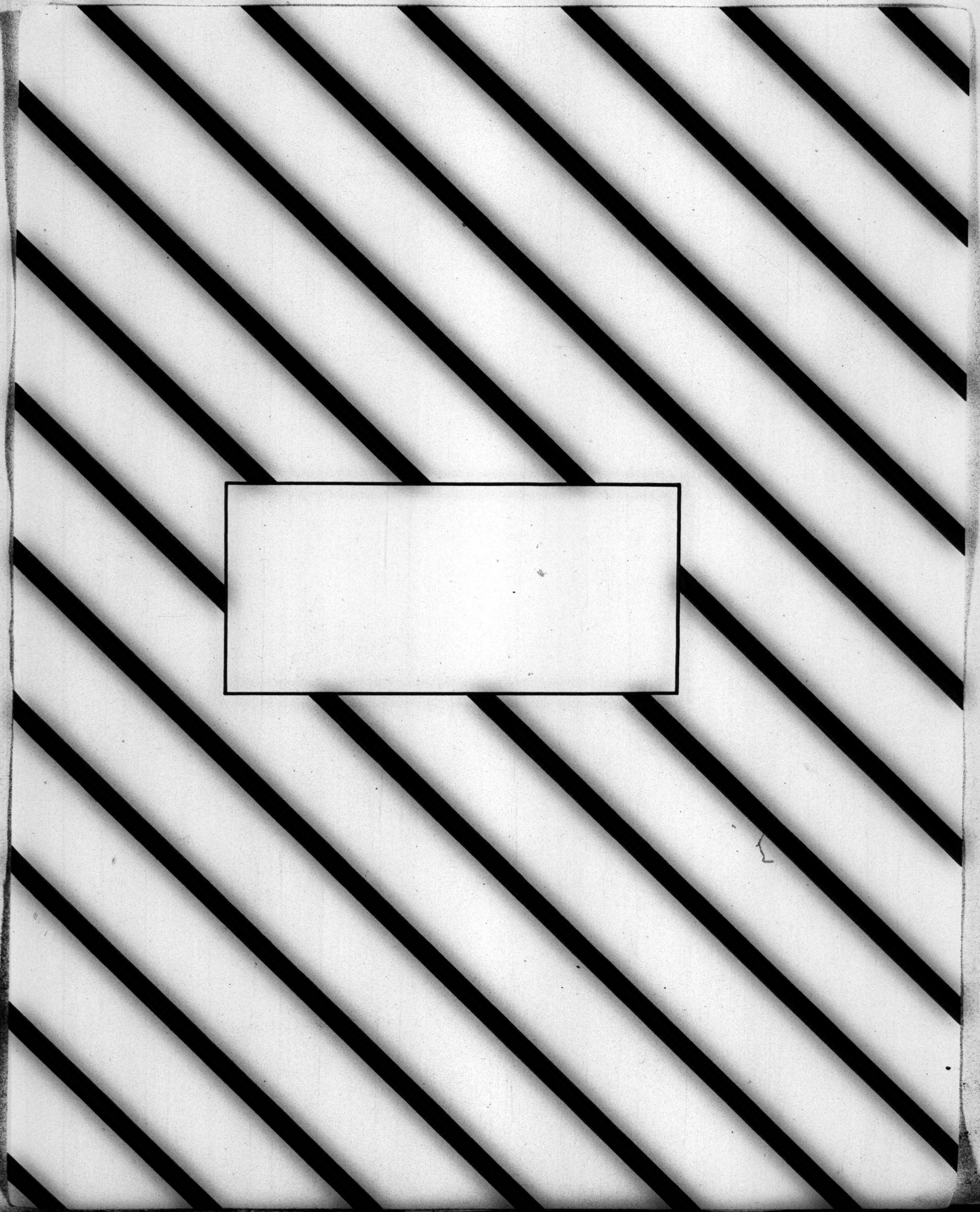
Wm Henry Smith Esq
Treasurer &c

Dear Bro,

You will understand the meaning of the enclosed draft — & also my address to Dr Storrs instead of myself on the other page. Somehow his name instead of yr own put itself first, for I wished to express to him distinctly my thankfulness for his very kind note to me in acknowledgment of my previous donation. The Lord bless you very greatly in the prosecution of yr glorious — *his* glorious work —

Very truly
yrs
E. Bond



AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PAPERS

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SERIES I

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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[Eells, Myron]

From Rev. M. Eells,

Boise City, Ada Co ~~Idaho June 3d 1872~~

(Steps of Progress.)

~~Secs of the A. H. M. Soc~~

~~Dear Brethren~~

~~I send you the following report for the quarter ending June 1st~~

~~On the 29th of April~~ We have re-organized a Territorial Bible Society. ~~There was one organized here~~ the executive committee of that formed a year & a half ago ~~but after the organization the executive committee~~ having never met, ~~& I could not find out who were the officers, except the~~ and its President ~~who had~~ having removed to San Francisco, ~~On account of it, however~~ the keeper of the book-store did not dare to send for Bibles, & so there have been none here all winter, although there have been calls for ~~a hundred~~ 100 or more. We have now ordered a supply from the Parent Society.

With the assistance of a few ~~&~~ Temperance friends a petition has been prepared to the Legislature, and is getting signers, asking that each Precinct or County may have the right of preventing the sale of alcoholic liquors with ~~their~~ its limits. ~~It is now to be circulated throughout the Ter. for signatures.~~ Our present law ~~is that~~ allows any one who will pay a license ~~may~~ to sell liquor. We would prefer a law ~~similar to the one in~~ like that of Ohio, but are ~~confident it could not be passed, & are~~ somewhat doubtful about ~~the~~ getting any thing ~~success of this, as a~~ better than we have. ~~few glasses of liquor would buy a majority of the members of most previous legislatures. But If it~~ If we fail, ~~it will~~ we shall at least ~~agitate~~ keep the subject ~~& keep it~~ before the people, & we certainly ~~will~~ shall never get ~~such~~ a good law until we ask for it.

#The "union" Sabbath School ~~which is a union school & has had a Methodist Supt.~~ has fallen into my hands, as the former Superintendent has moved away. In connection with it we have established a prayer meeting for the teachers, ~~to be~~ held ~~for ten minutes~~ just previous to the ~~school~~ sessions.

#During the last quarter we have been holding "sociables" every other week, the proceeds ~~to go to~~ going for the repair of the church. They have been a success. From twenty to forty attend, & we make from ~~$10.00 to $15.00~~ ten to fifteen dollars each time. The people here are liberal, but everything is very expensive. It is ~~fully~~ quite as easy to spend money as to get it.

#Feeling that a large part of the Territory is Tract Society ground, I wrote last winter to ~~Rev. F. E. Shearer~~ their agent for this coast, asking them to send some one ~~to this Ter.~~ here. He has sent Rev. Wm. Adams, & George Kum Lum, the latter a converted Chinaman, both of whom have been working ~~under~~ for that Society in ~~Eastern~~ Oregon ~~during the past winter. They came two weeks ago, &~~ They have gone into the mines. It seemed ~~very~~ pleasant to meet a Congregational minister once more, although I suppose they will remain ~~in the Territory~~ only during the summer.

~~I thought best to preach my Home Missionary sermon during the present quarter, which I have done. The collection amounted to twenty five dollars in Currency, which please acknowledge as from the Congregation at Boise City & deduct the same from my quarters due. You need not send me any draft for the remainder, as I shall probably wish to have it all paid to one person in New York city during the quarter~~

4 My congregations still continue good: though when I look to man, my foundations seem very insecure, ~~as if I might break through at any time. & a good~~ Many look at the whole work as an experiment yet. I can only go on, trusting that the Almighty arm is strong enough to strengthen the foundations & keep me from breaking through. (End.)

~~I remain~~

~~Yours in Christ~~

~~Myron Eells~~

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Rev Myron Eells.
Boise City Idaho: June 8/70

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[Eells, Rev. Myron]

Boise City. Idaho.
Oct. 24. 1872.

Secs. of the A. H. M. Soc.

Dear Brethren.

About the 3d of Sept I sent you my report for the quarter ending the first of that month & making some inquiries of you. I have recd. no reply or draft. I simply write now asking if you recd my report or not, or if you have sent a draft & I have not recd. it: as I have lost some letters on the N. Y. Post Office.

Yours very Truly
M. Eells.

Boise City. Idaho Ter.
Nov. 18th 1872.

Secs of the A. H. M. Soc.

Dear Brethren.

I recd a letter from Mr Brinckerhoff of Nov. 3. stating that my report of Sept 1st had failed to reach you. It is not very strange, as I have lost two other letters on the N. Y. P. O. both containing money orders. The draft for $125.00 came all safe also Thanks.

I rewrite my report for Sept. 1st. The Colporteurs of the Am. Tract Soc. whom I mentioned in my last as having come to this Ter. Rev. Wm. Adams & S Kumlum completed their work & returned to Oregon. Pecuniarily their work was not so successful as could be wished, and Mr. Adams, tho. not discouraged, thought the people a hard set. I know this to be true & for that reason wished them to come, for they will never be much better until some such work is done, & I trust the seed which has been sown will yet bring forth fruit. The attendance of the Chinese on Mr Kum Lum's preaching was good & for the short time he was here he seemed to be very successful.

My Father also came to see me in July. & his advice was worth a great deal. So I have seen two Congregational ministers during the quarter. the first I have seen since I came here more than a year ago.

Rev. J. A. Chittenden of the Theol. Sem. at Oakland

Rev. M. Eells

Boise City
Oct 24th 1873 Idaho

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& who has been preaching during the summer at Pescadero Cal. writes me that he feels strongly inclined to come to Silver City in the spring if the people desire it. Six or eight years ago he was engaged in business there & from what I can learn is favorably known there. I am not personally acquainted with him, only by letter, begun on business.

I have been & still am considerably in doubt, as to what I ought to do in the future. The building, as you know which I occupy, is owned by the Baptist H. M. Soc. I have expected to buy it: wrote them once in regard to it. & was referred to their agent here. & he told me last March that he should advise them to sell it: He however has been owing them about $250.00. which they wished he should pay when he should write & as he has not been able to get it. he has not written them yet. & I am a little in doubt when he will. The prospects for the growth of the place during the next few years are not flattering: & as there was some talk of the Baptist sending a man here in the summer, I did not think it best to organize a church until I felt sure of the house; for the general opinion is that at present the place will not support three churches. & in talking it over with my father. we both agreed that to organize & then have to give up would be far worse than not to organize at all. For the present I think the Baptist have given up the idea of sending any one here.

The Methodists however have sent a man here for a second time. their first having left about two years & a half ago - & for two Sab: I have given them the use of my church, while their Presiding Elder is here. After that they will use the Court House & have services by their Conference minister. As nearly all the Methodists have hitherto attended my church, when they draw off. it will probably lessen my congregation & pecuniary support, how much, cannot be told until they fairly get underway. Thus far my congregations have been good, as large during the summer months as in the winter. but if they shod be divided. & no prospects of any increase in population for the present. it might not be best for me to remain. Individually I seem to care but very little for the future. Go - or stay as God wills. though I should prefer to stay, if it seems best. I would however like to have your approval as you are spending so much money here. & have had so much experience in such matters. Would like to sit down & talk it over with you: but as this cannot be. please give me your advice, as I know I have your prayers. Think I shall write Dr. Atkinson, as I suppose he is Supt. of this portion of the country, though I do not know it: though at present he hardly knows as much about the religious affairs here as you do. To myself & several here. it seems as if I had been sent here very plainly in answer to their prayers, & the result thus far has been gratifying, but whether I have been sent to stay or to prepare the way for some one else, I do not know.

I recd your letter enclosing draft of $16.00 for S.S. which I shall try to use as the donors wish. Have

not used it yet as the S.S. has not needed it. & I do not wish to give them anything until they do need it.
I shall receive any advice from you very gratefully - & will write more in my next report in Dec.

Yours very Truly
M. Eells.

Rev M Eells
Boise City. Idaho. Nov 18/72
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[Eells, Myron]

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From Rev. M. Eells, Boise City, Ada Co.

Will write

(~~One Year Ended.~~)

(Shall He Leave?) (Begin, page 2d)

~~Boise City Idaho Dec. 10. 1872~~

~~Sec. of the A. H. M. Soc.~~

~~Dear Brethren~~

~~I send you the following report~~ for the qr. ending Dec. 1st.

About the 1st of Oct. the ladies who have charge of our sociables changed it somewhat & turned it into a surprise party for my benefit. They gave me a purse of money amounting to twenty seven dollars & had made some articles of clothing worth ~~as much more. Certainly a very pleasant affair for me.~~

(A Sad End.)

In spite of our temperance efforts, ~~Sometime ago~~ a lawyer of naturally good abilities has died of delirium tremens. Six years ago, when he first began to drink, he was told that if he continued ~~in that course~~ he would become a drunkard. ~~but~~ He replied, "I have strength to resist." Last Spring when he had the tremens for the fourth time, he was told that the next ~~time~~ attack would carry him off. ~~but~~ He did not stop, & people now say, "He had no strength to resist." Almost his last words were, "O to die a drunkard's death!" A lady whose name is on a church roll, as she went to pick some flowers to place on his coffin, said that she "felt sad," because, as he had often been at her house, she had asked him to drink a glass of wine with her. (End)

~~One evening I asked the attendants of the prayer meeting~~ why they came there. & some of the answers were as follows: "to become more consecrated," "to hear others pray for I cannot" "to hear the singing," "from a sense of duty", "a privilege for self and to pray for my children," "to receive the prayers of Christians," "from a desire to live better than I have done" "dissatisfied with my former course & wish to know more of Christ." I have had some very interesting conversations with those who are thinking somewhat seriously.

Begin The first year of my labor here has ~~now~~ closed, & the people have done all that they promised, ~~you they would do.~~ but yet I think the future looks ~~very~~ doubtful. ~~As I wrote you in Nov.~~ The Methodists have sent a man here, who takes off some of the congregation & pecuniary support which I have had, & ~~simply~~ divides what before was small enough. ~~If~~ the place, tho ~~was growing I would think it best to make some pecuniary sacrifice in order to remain, as some are very anxious to have me stay, but as at present it~~ is slowly going down, & ~~it is not~~ I don't think it probable that for the next four or five years at least, it ~~can~~ support three ministers, ~~or at least that is~~ the opinion of myself, of most of the prominent persons here, & of the man who has been chiefly instrumental in inducing the Methodist minister to come: which to me seems to say, either the Episcopal or Congregationalist minister must leave; although I may be prejudiced, as I am an interested party. I think I can hold my share of the congregation ~~& pecuniary support, but there is not enough to divide~~. & I would rather leave than ~~to~~ be one of two parties of Christians between whom there shall be hard feeling. ~~Efforts will soon~~ be made to see what can be done for another year. ~~If I should~~ not think best to stay I ask if you have any other place or

Ter. where you would like to have me go, if you do not lose all confidence in me. I have written you in regard to Idaho & Silver Cities in this Ter. as being destitute of preaching. & I have thought, that if I should go away from this place, that it might be wise to see what they would do. The prospects of the places are such however that I can hardly feel that you would be willing to grant them much assistance, for as I understand your policy, it is to build up churches, & the prospect is not good for that. Idaho is a placer mining town & has been going down slowly for a long time. but still I think there would be work enough for a man for four or five years. Silver City is more permanent being based on quartz mines, which will probably not be worked out for 25 years. but it is so high, 6000 feet above the level of the sea that families or individuals do not care about remaining any longer than possible & so the population is continually changing. I do not consider money or labor bestowed on these places thrown away, though in this world we may not see the results as we could wish, & I am willing to go there if I can be supported, but I suppose, with the present state of the Treasury & the calls from more permanent places you wd. not feel as if you could appropriate much. I have thot that I might tell them that I would go if they would support me entirely, which they are able to do if they only will. I think it very probable however that the Methodist will try to send ministers there during the next six or eight months. I would like your opinion on the whole subject, what you can do for mining ~~towns whether you think I can be more useful anywhere else.~~

I do not care where I go, if only it be ~~but I do not want to go~~ where I ~~shall~~ may be careful, and not

~~really~~ interfere with ministers of another denomination.
It was that ~~reason~~ purpose which kept me from remaining at ~~Grand~~
other places proposed, & brought me here. I do not
~~Ronde & advised against the formation of a Cong. church at~~
want to add to the number of half-supported ministers
~~Olympia. I shall probably write Dr. Atkinson & find~~
in small hopeless places.
~~that I do not remain here~~ (Back to page 1st)

My own opinion about the remedy for so many half supported ministers in small places is that an agreement sho.d be made between the Officers of the various H. Miss. Soc. on something of the same principle, which there is virtually between For. Miss. Soc.s For instance, let the officers of as many Home Miss. Soc.s as would be willing to take some such action, meet & agree that as long as a town has a certain number of inhabitants, say 300 or any number which they might think best, only one man shall receive assistance from any of these societies, who shall be the one who first shall take possesion. & there shall only be two ministers assisted until there shall be twice as many & so on. If the Baptist & Presbyterians should chance to be those denom.s & the Methodists should feel strong enough to support a minister of their own, of course they would have a right to do so, but the Meth. H. M. Soc. would say we will not help you. & so with other denominations. True each denom. might not have so many churches, but I think there would be better feeling, more economical expenditure of money, more men for the front, or foreign field & better results for the general cause of Christ.

Please send me the amount due me on my last quarter. $125.00 in draft as usual.

Yours in Christ
Myron Eells

[Eells, Myron]

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Boise City. Idaho.
Dec. 24th 1872.

To the Secs. of the A. H. M. Soc.

This may certify that the Committee of the Congregational Soc. in Boise City. have paid me the $500.00 which they agreed to pay me for preaching during the year Ending Dec 1st. 1872.

Myron Eells.
Congregational Minister

Rev Myron Eells.

Boise City Idaho. Dec. 10/pr

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Boise City. Idaho Dec. 27th 1872.

Secs. A. H. M. Soc.

Dear Brethren

Yours of Dec 2nd I recd. just after sending my last quarterly report. I send you herewith an application by the Com. of my congregation, for a commission for another year. The Meth. hav begun their work, yet others financially have taken their place & have made up the subscription to what it was last year, which is better than I expected. I send again the application direct to you, as I understand from your letter that Dr Atkinson is only Agent for Oregon, & has nothing officially to do with this Ter. & he certainly knows but little in regard to my work. Please inform me if this is right.

In addition to what I wrote in my last about Silver City I would say that I spent the last Sab. in Nov. in that place, while our Meth. brother occupied my church. The congregation numbered only about 20. I look upon it as a very needy place, yet a very hard one. The population is changing. Last Spring there were four Prof. Christians. now only two. Really they care but little about preaching & after the novelty should wear off. for a year I presume a minister would often have only 10 or 20. yet sometimes he would have quite a congregation. After a time I have faith enough in the Gospel to believe that a gradual increase would take place - It was so here when Mr Miller. the Epis. minister first came, only that place has been without preaching for so long that it is a harder place than ever this was. At present there is not material out of which to organize any church, but there is intelligent material in abundance upon which to work. & although the place may not increase much, yet it will not decrease much & there is abundant population now upon which to work. How they would attend would depend upon the man, & they would wish to hear him before they would say how much they would give. Or as the People of Idaho told the Presiding Elder of the Meth. church. "If you will send us good, smart man, we will nearly or quite support him, but if you send one that is not, we will not give a cent." Not very Christian like, but it is about the truth: The Meth. now talk of sending a man to Silver City next summer. I do not know exactly how it will be.

Although I send this application for a commission I do not feel very sanguine about remaining here longer than till the 1st of Mar. for 1st the size of the place is such that there is not much much more than work, or congregation enough for two ministers & the prospects for the future are such that there will probably be a decrease for ~~at least one~~ several years, & although two ministers may get along well, three cannot be supported without considerable Soc. help and so much that I think it would be an unwise expenditure of money, when there is so much need for it elsewhere. 2nd I have worked so hard that I feel worn out & am afraid my health will fail, if I have to endure it much longer. By the 1st of Mar. the Legislature will have adjourned, most of the winter population will have gone: some of my best supporters, upon whom I leaned in pr. meeting have gone & others will soon move away. I think the 1st of Mar will solve the problem. If I go, Providence seems to have developed in the last few weeks an idea, which although suggested years ago, after careful consideration I rejected as not duty for the time, although I was not certain that it would be final. & that is a call to the Foreign field. I feel very strongly inclined to look that way if I am not needed here & our Meth. brethren should supply Silver & Idaho cities, but wish to weigh it more.

I do not know but my effort here will be called a failure should I leave, & it is as far as building up a Cong. Ch. but I do not feel that it is as far as Christianity is concerned. If I cannot do what I had hoped, I have done what I could & must leave it for God to take care of the result.

Yours very Truly
M. Eells.

Boise City Idaho Dec 27. 1872.

Secs of the A. H. M. Soc.

We the undersigned a committee in behalf of the congregation to which Rev. M. Eells has ministered for the past year respectfully request you to grant him a commission from your Society to labor with us for twelve months from Dec 1st 1872. The following are the answers to your questions.

Popn of place about 1000

Name of Congregation. Congregational.

Number of communicants during past year present at Communion. Twelve is the average.

Number of Congregation. Morning attendance average 56. Evening 100. Total average 78.

Salary which we propose to make up.
" Five hundred dollars in coin & five hund in cur

Portion which we pledge.
Five hundred in coin, payable quar. by subscription

No other aid expected.

Least amount which will suffice from the Society. Five hundred in Currency.

Denominations & size of Congregations immediately contiguous. Episcopal. av. attendance 60. Meth. Episcopal av. attendance 50.

Name &c. of Minister. Rev. M. Eells - Boise City. Idaho.

Ordained by Fourth Congregational Church Hartford Conn. June 1871.

A resident of the place in which he preaches & engaged in preaching to our congregation.

Not a pastor & no arrangements for installation

Yours Truly

Ephm Smith MD
John Sheffer
Louis Scholl. } Committee

The Cong Ch., Boise City
Idaho, apply for \$600
\$500 & received aid in supp
of Rev Myron Eells.
one year from Dec 1. 1872
P.O. Boise City, Ada Co, Idaho

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Granted \$500

[Eells, Rev. Myron]

Office of the American Home Missionary Society,

BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK, February, ~~1872.~~ 1873.

DEAR BROTHER: By the rules of this Society and its Auxiliaries, a STATISTICAL REPORT is due from each Missionary on the FIRST OF MARCH. The data supplied by such reports are indispensable for making a full exhibition of the Society's doings for one year.

Desiring to make these returns as complete as possible, we send you a blank form of a REPORT for the present year, and earnestly request that if it has not been attended to when this reaches you, you will supply the particulars indicated, and return them TO THE OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY, in New York, on the FIRST OF MARCH, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Affectionately yours,

MILTON BADGER,
DAVID B. COE,
ALEX. H. CLAPP,
Secretaries.

1. Your *name in full*, with the name of your Post Office, County and State, Rev. Myron Eells Boise City. Ada County. Idaho Territory

2. Names of the church or churches, and of all the Stations where you have preached at regular intervals during the year, Station. Boise City. No church.

3. Number of church members, male and female, 8 or 10. Pres & Cong. but no church organd.

4. Average attendance on public worship, 54 in the morning & 96 in evening Average 75

5. Number of hopeful conversions, 3.

6. Number added to the church by profession,* 0

7. Number added to the church by letter,* 0

8. Number of Sabbath school and Bible class scholars, 142. Av. attendance 91

9. Number of churches organized during the year, 0

10. Number of church edifices erected, 0. Number repaired, 1 at a cost of 299.81 including some paid for Organ & Hymn books

11. Number of young men preparing for the ministry, 0

12. Contributions to benevolent objects, such as:

Home Missions, $25.00; Foreign Missions, $18.00; Bible Society, $27.00; etc.

Total for all objects, $ 70.00

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* To be reckoned from March to March, if you have been in commission the whole year; if not, for the portion of the year between these dates which your commission covers.

N. B. Let this Annual Report be forwarded in a communication by itself, disconnected entirely from your quarterly report and all other business matters.

REMARKS.

Please state any other facts, in reference to revivals, conversions, church erection, lay effort, etc., which will indicate the progress of the missionary work on your field, and such as will exhibit the remaining destitutions of the general region where you labor.

Expect to organize a church very soon.
a little religious interest

Yours Sincerely
Myron Eells.

Rv M Eells
Boise City Idaho.
Mar 1/83
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Ch to be organized; meeting house repaired & organ procured

[Eells, Rev. Myron]

From Rev. M. Eells,

Ada Co.
Boise City, ~~Idaho Mar. 5th 1873~~

~~Secs. of the A. H. M. Soc.~~

~~Dear Brethren~~

(Temperance Revival.) ~~I send you the following as my report for the quarter ending March 1st.~~

Our Temperance work still ~~progresses~~ goes on. The way having ~~in a measure~~ been prepared, an able Temperance lecturer from California came here, and after ~~delivering~~ three addresses, effected an organization which now members ~~one hundred and twenty~~ 120 members. ~~I have seen however that there has been a~~ A gradual reform has been going on for some time. Two years ago at "New-Year's calls", ~~there was so~~ much wine was drunk, ~~because that they became unpleasant~~. One Year ago ~~wine~~ it was placed on ~~only four~~ very few tables, and this year on but one ~~one family offered egg-nogg and one kept wine in the cupboard where it could be obtained, but not on the table~~. Several prominent men, ~~also~~ who ~~had been accustomed~~ used to drink "a little", had stopped entirely ~~because they~~ feeling that their influence was injurious. ~~on this... though they were unwilling for certain reasons to join the Good Templars the only Temperance organization there was in town, but now~~ They have nearly all united with this new organization, & the Temperance cause is stronger than ever before.

Our Legislature last winter also gave to our County a Sabbath law. ~~At first it was proposed for the whole Territory, but the members from the other counties said that they would vote for it if their counties should be left out, untill finally this was the only County left, and it encouraged us to know that not one member from our county wished it to be exempt.~~ In this God carried the work ahead of our faith. When we began to circulate the petitions, we supposed that the saloons must be allowed to be open, for we feared that ~~if we should~~ the attempt to close them ~~they would have such an influence with~~ it would kill the bill in the Legislature, ~~as to kill the bill~~ when all other business men were in favor of it; but to our surprise a saloon-keeper offered to circulate the petition amongst those of his own class and all but four or five signed it! These however determined to contest the law, and, the Supreme Court being in session, it was by mutual consent carried to it immediately. ~~which~~ The court sustained it the law, and now all submit with evident good will. (End.)

For various reasons, as I wrote you before, after consulting with those whose judgment I respected I finally thought it best to leave the place, and announced my decision to my congregation last Sabbath, but they were not satisfied & have presented me with a petition signed by more than one hundred and twenty persons & I have now replied that I would remain. I expect to organize a small church as soon as possible, although four, of our number will leave soon, who would have united, were they to remain. Our Sabbath School too will now be divided. the Methodists taking part.

The Society here overpaid me last year $50.00. please deduct that from my quarter's salary & send me the remaining $75.00 as soon as convenient.

Yours very Sincerely
M. Eells.

Rev M Eells

Boise City Idaho. 8 Mar 5/73

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[Burr, Rev. H. M.]

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Payette, Idaho.
Apr. 21, 1892.

Rev. Wm Kincaid D.D.
Bible House. N.Y.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of 17th, in answer to mine of 12th, both pains and surprises me. I surely did not know that "it was agreed on all hands" that I should not labor in this state. As to "after what had occurred" I am totally ignorant of your meaning, and I feel that some "occurrence" must have been reported to you of which I know nothing. The church at Mountain Home were practically a unit in desiring me to remain, & I have a statement over

Mr. Hawkes' own signature that he desired me to be recommissioned, and that my resignation alone determined the matter. In view of all this it sounds strangely to me that there has been a general agreement that I ought not to labor in this state! There must be some correspondence, somewhere, which will not bear the light.

I am pained that my presence in Payette suggests to you a "breach of good faith." and I do not ~~hasten to~~ hesitate to pronounce your "interpretation of facts" a mistaken one; and I take pleasure in giving such explanation as will certainly change your opinion — unless you think me untruthful. — I was granted, at my own request, a vacation of one month — which I have not had for three years. My work in Mountain Home closed on Saturday. The people of Payette have often urged me to pay them a visit, & preach to them, claiming that the field had been abandoned, and that Christians were becoming discouraged and souls were perishing from lack of a work needed in their church. I agreed to spend a Sabbath with them, and, finally, to give them a series of meetings— which I have done *in good faith*, and with good results. As to "undertaking the work at Payette" with any thought of being commissioned under Mr. Hawkes' superintendence! the thought never entered my head; and I have repeatedly told these people that I *would not do so.* I have agreed to remain here through May, supplying Weiser, for Paddock, two Sabbaths. Bro. Paddock dined with me to-day, and he has not intimated that I am doing wrong, but only differs in opinion as to the outlook in this place. — I thought to see Bro. Clapp soon, by remaining in this part of the country, as Paddock told me he would soon be in Huntington. I think of taking work *in* Oregon, if I can find that to which I am adapted.

Cordially, H. M. Barr.

Rev. H. M. Burr. 12209

Mountain Home

Idaho.

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Wants draft.

[Burr, Rev. H.M.]

Nothing due on Feby 15th

Mountain Home,

Feb. 22, '93

Dear Bro. Kincaid,

If possible to send, at once, the amount due me on the 15th it will greatly relieve me.

Cordially,

H. M. Burr

Rev. H. M. Burr, 2858.
Payette,
Idaho.

Apr. 27/92

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Respecting work
at Payette &
Mountain Home.

Dear Brother:-

Your very kind and considerate letter just came to hand, and it did me so much good that I cannot refrain from writing you more fully. You say, "There must be some misapprehension" etc., concerning prejudice against me at the N.Y. office. I think there is: but I am not mistaken in this, that Supt. Hawkes said to me in so many words, "The secretaries at New York are so prejudiced against you that your commission would not have been renewed if it had not been for my efforts." Similar effort have been made, with frequency, to convince me that H. is my friend,, but that if he should cease to be such, matters would go very hard with me, or that if he had not been I must have fared very roughly.

You say you may not have agreed with me in matters of judgment, etc. Indeed I should think very little of your judgment if you had, for I assure you that no one can condemn my judgment with regard to some matters more than myself, and it is now my opinion that you and I would agree, perfectly, as to what was wise and what unwise in my judgment in matters pertaining to my work on former fields. Still, I feel sure that voluminous correspondence must have mis-led you, quite frequently, as I have been shown correspondence concerning other men who had not succeeded in pleasing their Supt., and I have since seen the true status of such men and the real aim of the voluminous writer. There are those who boast of their ability to "write between the lines", and who are adepts at putting committees and others after those whom they wish to crush, while they stand at a respectable distance, beyond the smoke of battle.

At the risk of annoying you I will venture to exhonorate myself with reference to the rapidity of my evolutions from church to church within the past few years. At Rock Springs I became involved in a foolish attempt to erect a huge stone-pile of a church----all on account of the manipulations of a schemer, and because I lacked ability along the line of architectural work. I was falsely informed concerning sources of revenue, was deceived, and, therefore, saw that we must abandon the enterprise. About that time, Supt. Hawkes visited us and informed me that he could greatly increase my salary if I would go to Utah. Rock Springs was a very expensive place, and I had so plunged into Christian work, with my whole family, that I found myself greatly in debt. I was anxious to be releived from the unpleasant failure, and was greatly in need of enough money to pay my debts. I afterward found that H. was determined to put me in as pastor of the Phillips Ch., S.L.City, but that there were some opposers in that church. He engineered me in there, and I did not know that he was doing so until I found myself settled as pastor, as I supposed, without opposition. I was displeased within a few weeks, and made a total failure, feeling all the time that I was not really the pastor, but that another held the reins. When I took the work at the West Side I was comparatively independent, and was happy. Though there was not much good material out of which to build a church.

H. informed me that he was so anxious for me to go to the association at Pocatello that he would have my expenses paid if I would go. I had no idea what he wanted, but went, and, by his urgent request, preached the opening sermon. He induced the members to ask me to accept the position of general missionary for Idaho. I accepted, because it seemed to me that a call so entirely unsought should not go unheeded. I was displeased with his management of affairs here, and began to act on my own judgment, which, I still think, was correct But he was offended, apparently, and, from some cause, he arranged for me to be retained at Mountain Home, giving me no opportunity whatever to visit other fields which seemed to me to demand my presence. It was soon evident to me that plans were being laid to prevent my being re-commissioned. I confess to have worked, just a

[Burr, Rev. H.M.]

little, ~~to prevent this~~ to retain the office: insomuch that, when I was at S.L.C., he promised that I should be re-commissioned, and, as I would not consent to be re-commissioned with the understanding that I was to be kept at Mountain Home, he seemed to agree with all my plans. I will not lengthen my story: but it was not long before I was informed that a "committee" had decided that it would not be wise to re-commission me. Why, I have never been informed. I was supposed to be very unacceptable throughout the state, but still, very, very acceptable at Mountain Home. So, in the most humiliating way, I was virtually driven back to the pastorate of this church. During all these trying ordeals I have written some very sharp letters to our Supt., some of which I should not have written, and he has taken pains to show these letters to others--I know not how many----commenting as he saw proper, and withholding necessary explanations. He has repeatedly shown me letters, in his own office, in which there was a running quarrel between himself and some brother. He never failed to convince me that the brother was wrong, and H. correct. While I have been pastor at this place, and was writing some saucy letters to him, he pounced down upon me, one day, after twenty-four hours notice, with a committee of his own choosing, to bring me to terms. Had it not been for the presence of Paddock, who has known of me and my work for years, in Illinois, and who, as I afterward found out, condemned the whole thing as one of the worst put up jobs he ever witnessed, I should have been crushed, on my own field, by as violent a mob as ever attacked a supposed criminal with a view to lynching----with the exception, of course, that this was a refined, Christian, ministerial, missionary committee. Of course, I found one or two bad men in this church, or one bad one in it, and one claiming to be---but who is, really, not leagally a member. While these have steadily opposed me, and all the efforts which I have made to build up the church, the Supt. has succeeded in making them his warm friends and supporters, and he is, evidently a warm friend to them. In the midst of all such proceedings I thought to remain perfectly quiet, in relation the N.Y. office, (and I still wish to, begging you to consider this as strictly private and confidential, and not to bother H. about it.) but to go into Oregon and take a church, self-supporting, and let all other matters take their own course.

To my utter surprise there is a movement on foot in this place, how extensive I can not say, to petition me to remain. My audiences are large, and, with about two exceptions, my church is a unit in my favor.

I cannot think that my relation to H. is altogether on account of my own lack of appreciation of my ministerial associates, since it is a fact that my relation to my brethren has usually been of the most harmonious character, and I have loved, and even admired them. I have no aspirations after higher positions, and so I cannot be jealous. I know I could not fill the office Supt., even on the smallest and least important fields. So it must be that my infelicitous experiences are not altogether my own fault. There are many sad, sad facts in relation to the great, and greatly crippled, work on all these fields which ought to be known, and which cannot be known by correspondence, nor from a trip on a pallace car, under guard of interested parties.

Permit me to assure you of my high esteem for you, and to thank you most heartily for your kind letters. I appreciate them the more highly because they come in spite of my inefficiency and my many blunders. By the way, I made a great blunder by not selecting eminent parentage, failing to be brought up in the Congregational church, and, worst of all, by not having been born in New England.

With many thanks and best wishes, I remain, as ever,
Most cordially yours,

H. M. Burr.

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Ansd

PAYETTE, IDAHO, Apr. 12, 1893

Rev. Wm Kincaid D.D.
Bible House, Astor Place N.Y.

Dear Brother:—

I am holding a series of meetings with our church here. I have been visiting from house to house and am surprised to find so much Congregational timber. Our church was the third in this place, and if it had not been thought wise to punish the child it would now be strong and healthy. It is my belief that, if the future of the church could be assured, I could have representatives of eight or ten families in the church within thirty days. I am sure that not less than twenty families would look to us for pastoral care if we had a successful minister on the ground. I am going to do what I can for the Master, here, and it now seems probable that I will be compelled to remain and take charge of the church for a time if not permanently. I dropped a good salary at Mountain Home, and have come to this place without the promise of a cent. I think the Lord is leading me, and I am anxious to do his will — but I cannot be a party to the management which has laid waste our Zion throughout this region. My Dear Brother, I have but one request to make of you. I know you are very busy and have many cares. I do not ask for money nor for the recommendations you were kind enough to offer. I simply ask a very special interest in your prayers — that I may be a successful worker in the Master's vineyard. Be assured, I am,

Very Cordially yours,

H. M. Burr.

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Hr. C. M. Burr,
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[Burt, Rev. H. M.]

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Payette, Idaho.
Apr. 17. 1893.

Rev. Wm Kincaid D.D.
Bible House, N.Y.

Dear Brother:—

I have held meetings here for one week, and there is good interest. I have engaged to remain with the church until June 1st. with the exception of two Sabbaths in May, which I am to spend in Weiser, supplying for Mr. Paddock.

I wish you could be on this field for one day. You would see that it could not be forsaken without committing a sin against God and our denomination. This is the garden spot of Idaho, and is destined to be a good town, surrounded by one of the finest valleys in the world. All that I wrote you about Mountain Home, a year ago, is correct. We should have made that a centre, & planted a church at Glenns Ferry & in the Bruneau Valley. Those two places have now gone from us — the Methodists having taken one and the Presbyterians the other. Boise is lost to us unless there is a strong effort at once. Payette is shelved for daring to have a mind of its own. How long is this to continue?

There are four churches here, but there is a work which must either be done by our church, or left undone. I will make a partial statement of the need for our work.

Our own members are:- Dr. Scott & wife — intelligent people, good income, not very pious, not trained to give — but will give $100 a year to a man of the church's own choosing, and not appointed by some one else. Mr. Burley + wi He is a carpenter, with number of children - all industrious - making a good living. They are pious. Will pay $50 a year. Mrs. Clements - widow - three grown children - all members - poor - but able to work. Besides these there are one or two young people from other families. Those who attend our church regularly, are, in part,

Mrs. Richards, (Congregationalists) wife of a lawyer - cultured - fairly wealthy - lawyer worldly, wife an excellent teacher in our S.S. Mrs. Richards, a widow - two daughters - wealthy - Congregationalists. Mr. Mellinger, wife + two grown daughters. Presbyterians, pious, fine people; he has been a [illegible]cal preacher, and now goes to a little school house, two miles away, in a little saw mill village, to superintend S.S. for Bro. Paddock.

Prof. Albert & Wife, Presbyterians, fine people – he teaches Bible class in our S.S. Mr. & Mrs. Putnam. she a Congregationalist, he a moral man – carpenter. Besides all these there are the submerged scores to whom we have as good a right as any one, and whom we are bound _to_ save if we can. Finding this state of affairs here _now_, after a year of banishment – not to say persecution — What do you suppose we might have had if, last spring, some earnest evangelical worker had spent a few weeks here, and then the people had been allowed to choose their own pastor, and the work had been carried forward as it should have been?

I do not know that our meetings will result in any special awakening outside the church, but the little church has been greatly revived and encouraged, and I feel that I am amply rewarded for my labors.

Of course I do not expect to stay with them; but, my dear brother, should one minister after another be driven in disgust from the work, one church after another wrecked, one church after another chastised by the official lash, or bought by official favors; should Home Missionaries on one field receive salaries a third larger than those on adjoining fields, just that a personal ambition may be gratified; should a district, with all its churches and ministers, with all its sacred interests, become a great missionary chess board on which one man plays his own game in his own way?

I have been assured, with a sarcastic laugh, that whatever complaint is sent to the N. Y. office is immediately returned to Superintendents, without investigation! I do not believe it. Therefore I write to you, believing that you will regard my letters as confidential, and that ~~I am~~ you will regard me as sincere and having no ill will towards any one, but desiring only to see our cause prosper.

If you will induce Supt. Clap to come to this field three days. or if you will come yourself, & learn the unvarnished facts, I will agree to acknowledge that I am wrong, if you do not agree with me. Very Cordially, K. M. Bur

[Nash, F.W.]

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Name of Missionary, F W Nash

P. O. Address, Challis Idaho

Report for Quarter ending Mar. 31st 1893

Date of this Letter, April 4th 1893

In my report this quarter you will notice the number of prayer-meetings is small. We observed the week of prayer and considering it was the first time any thing of the kind had been done in the history of the place the meetings were pretty well attended. During the latter part of January and the beginning of February there was much sickness in town. La Grippe was very bad and nearly all our church members had there hands full in waiting on the sick. I had to sit up

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Rev. H. M. Burr,
Payette
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quite frequently. This interfered with public services and we omitted Sunday service on three occasions, and at three other services the attendance was 6, 7 & 8 respectively. This reduces the avarage. The week night meetings were broken up for some time.

The attendance has been very encouraging considering that many of the people here had never been accustomed to religious services, and many of the rest had been deprived of such services for years.

I can report no conversions and no further additions to the church, but on such a field as this we must expect to do some patient seed sowing before looking for a harvest. The Word of God has almost lost hold upon the people and they do not readily see either its beauty or its truth.

Taking every thing into consideration there is much reason for encouragement in this little church.

The ladies gave two socials this spring and raised over $80, They have had the meeting room papered and the ceiling raised and freshly lined and have put in a platform. The inside of our building is very comfortable now, and looks something like a church.

The regular offerings meet current expenses and the amount promised by the church on my salary.

Challis is at one side of a round valley that is from 6 to 8 miles across, through the middle of this valley runs the Salmon river and on the further side of the valley there are 8 families some of them large for a good part of the year the river is not fordable, and to go around by the bridge is a long way. I was asked by one of the settlers there who has a large family to go over and hold services occasionally in the school house, this I have done on several occasions and have had a gathering of from 20 to 50 persons. I generally try to go there on a Sunday morning once in two weeks. That is the only out station that I am at present visiting, but will likely soon take up Bag Horse again.

F. W. Nash
Pastor Cong'l church
Challis

Write nothing between these lines.

not fill the blanks below, leave that to New York office.

Rev. F. W. Nash
Challis,
Idaho.

Date, Apr 4, 1893.

Report for Quarter

ending Apr 1st 1893.

Collection, $ —

Due, $ 162 50/100

May 9/93

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Write nothing between these lines.

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[FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.]

No. of sermons preached.......... 22
" prayer-meetings attended.......... 8
" Sunday-school sessions attended.......... 9
" In what capacity?... Once in Bible class, sometimes reviews lesson
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0
" pastoral visits made..........
" funerals attended.......... 2
" marriages solemnized.......... 0
" largest congregation.......... 70
" average congregation.......... 34
" average attendance at prayer-meetings... 8
" average attendance at Sunday-school....
" hopeful conversions.......... 0
" added to church on conf., 0 by letter, 0
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0

Collected this quarter for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft..........$ 0
Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions..........$ 162.50
Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter..........$ 62.50
What new opening for preaching? 1 station
" " a church? 0
" " a Sunday-school? 0

[Paddock, E. A.] 4.

Report of E. A. Paddock Evangelist – for the month of March – 1893.

Preached 25 Sermons 22 at Weiser and 3 on Mann Creek. Held 16 Prayermeetings with an average attendance of 6. Made 75 Pastoral Calls – urging everybody to come to the Special meetings.

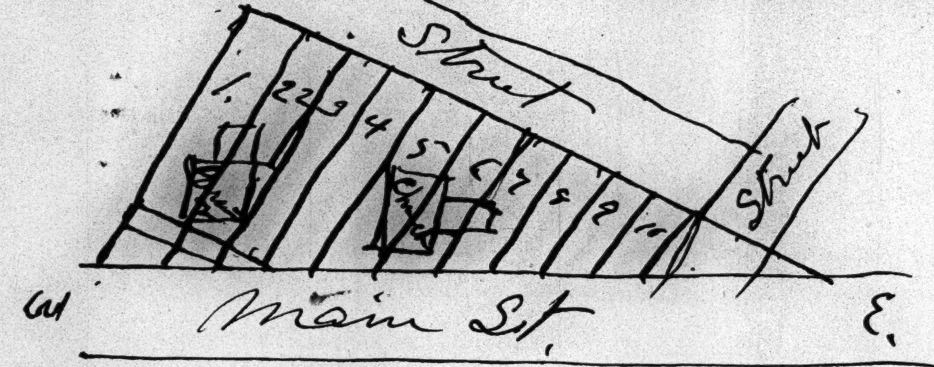
Can't tell the exact number of conversions – but think there were not less than thirty, probably many more than that. I have already written you about the Church organization which was made Apr. 2nd and will report it again more fully with this months report.

The work on Main Creek is hopeful - and I think that within six months a church can be organized there.

I attended ten S.S. sessions - as Supt. and teacher. Average attendance at Church services in Mar. - was 75.

Have secured ten lots - a fractional half block for Church and parsonage buildings; it lies on two streets - & in

a splendid location.



The entire tract is about 300 ft X 40 at the small end and 160 at the long end. Have broken ground for a Church, - square with Main St. 26 X 50, main part with an addition to the E. 18 X 20. Hope to complete both Church and parsonage this Summer. Of the organization of a "Martha & Mary Soc." - and "Temperance Band of Hope" I will write you in my next report. Respectfully submitted

E. H. Paddock -

Weiser Idaho, Apr. 9th/93

Dear Bro. Kincaid:

Have just recd. your letter informing me of my appointment as "Evangelist." Am sorry the funds are to be delayed as I am all out - but I shall get on some way until I hear from you again. I have no monthly report blanks - but will send you a written report with this - which may answer the purpose. About the first of May I must go to Denver and move my household goods here - as I cannot afford to pay rent

Pay March &
April Salary
J.H.

Rev. E A Paddock 13787.
Weiser. Idaho
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[Paddock, E. A.]

Weiser ~~PAYETTE~~, IDAHO, Apr. 3rd 1899.

Dear Bro. Kincaid:

I closed a five weeks series of special meetings last evening (Easter) and organized "The Weiser Church" (Congregational) with 20 members. 8 men & 12 women. Among them are the leading people of the town. The P. M., the miller, one of the leading lawyers, the wife of another &c. &c. The best part of it is this is only a beginning—as I believe, more than 100 different persons expressed in some way a desire to live the Christian life during the meetings, and I think nearly all of them will soon be in the church. The interest was even more intense when the meetings closed than at any time during their progress. Although I have been preaching every night for more than seven weeks I feel good for seven weeks more—and would go right on but I must push the church building schemes. We have already broken ground at Weiser. The town authorities give me six lots for the church—and I shall buy four more for a parsonage tract. I have my

building plans made—shall be
my own builder, stone cutter + mason—I
presume—but I *shall not* contract a debt.
Hope to hold meetings at Washoe soon—we will have
a good church there soon I am sure.

I am well pleased with my *three* months
work in Weiser—and hope I may "*hold the*
fort" there and at other points adjacent
for six or nine months longer at *least*.

I do not believe in a "hop skip
and jump" plan of campaign. Slow—
persistent, patient "*sapping* and mining"
is the only way to capture the devil's
strong holds in this country.

I now have three S. S. every Sunday besides
my evening preaching service—also a
preaching service Saturday nights—which
requires a broncho ride of about 30—
miles. But the work moves grandly forward
and I enjoy every minute—in the service.
This Country *must* be conquered for Christ!
Wish I had a *rustling* assistant.

As ever yours in the Master's
Service

E. A. Paddock

[Bell E. A.] [PADDOCK]

Weiser, Idaho, Mar. 8/93.

Dear Bro. Kincaid:

The Lord has come to Weiser—and no mistake. The seed is germinating much sooner than I supposed it could—considering the soil! You see these people—"old timers")—have grown up here among the sage brush without any moral sense to speak of! Many of the homes have no Bibles! and multitudes of children have never heard the name of God or Christ spoken except in oaths!

But I have gladly observed a deepening interest ever since I began to bombard the stronghold of Satan here, so one week ago—I commenced a series of a special meetings. From the very first the Lord has been with us in great power - and many are turning towards the kingdom. It now seems that the whole town and surrounding Country will be mightily shaken! There has never been a genuine religious awakening in this place but now the windows of heaven seem to be opening. As long as the interest continues and I am able to stand on my feet before these people to proclaim the Gospel the meetings will go on, if months are required. It is now a fixed fact that a strong

-gressive Church will grow out of the work here. While holding the fort here I am obliged to neglect other points somewhat. Yet I mount my broncho—and *gallop* to Mann Creek every Saturday—preach at night and conduct S. S. Sunday morning. In spite of bitter opposition from the "hard-shells" I am getting hold of *their* children—and had *37* present at S. S. last Sunday morning! The Lord has much people in that beautiful valley I am sure. I had a tempting "Call" to Denver where my family now are—but I *could not* persuade myself that it would be *right* to leave these few sheep in the wilderness—to be certainly destroyed by wolves of sin! I shall *hold right on*

here—until the Lord *shuts* the door—or brings a better under shepherd to care for these neglected fields.

(I trust—the H. M. S. can "*advance*" my monthly *stipend* during the coming quarter—as last quarter; because receiving nothing *on the field*—and relying only upon the amt. recd from the Society—I have been kept on *short rations*—and am now "*broke*"!

The itinerant—circus (?) riders that have roamed over these hills from time to time—*first* made a demand upon the natives for *money* if the money was not forth coming—they would ride on—and leave the field! So the people—in their ignorance came to believe that all *preachers* were after *money*—and that alone!

idea that any one *really* cared for their *souls*—never once entered their minds! I saw at once—that I must first get this false notion out of the minds of the people and *convince* them that I desired to *save them*, and not get their money only, before I could reach them. The fact that I have worked hard to persuade them to repent of sin—and turn to God—and have not "*begged*" money from them has given me more power over them than any other one thing—I think. Now, when their *eyes* are *opened*—and they can see things as they *are*—they will *gladly*, and freely give according to *their ability* to carry on the work. Ever yours in the Master's service—E. A. Paddock.

Rev. E. A. Paa
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Weiser,
Idaho.

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at Weiser.

[Paddock, Rev. E. A.]

Weiser Idaho 3/23/93.

Dear Bro. Kincaid:

The H. M. S. has been very generous and prompt with me surely. I did not expect to receive pay for the time which the Payette Church did not pay me. I think I can run through to the end of the month on the amount I now have in hand.

I presume the application for acting Gen'l Missionary is in your hands by this time. I certainly am a very *general* missionary at present. I have *six* S. Ss to look after - three *regular* preaching stations and two others which I supply occasionally. A dozen other fields are near at hand - but of course I cannot reach them. I am now in the *fourth* week of one of the most remarkable revival meetings I ever held. I had noticed for some time that the people were very attentive on Sunday evenings, and as the lenten season came on and the Episcopalians ceased to hold their weekly dances for a while — I commenced a series of special meetings. I had no Church behind me and less than a half dozen people that I could rely upon at all — to give me any help. But from the very first deep interest has been manifest. Night after night — often through rain and mud the people have come in greater numbers than they formerly came on Sunday evenings. Many conversions have occurred - among them some of the leading citizens of the place - and still the work goes on. I have not dared to think of closing the meetings while the interest was so great. I shall continue them until Easter Sunday certainly - if no longer. It now seems quite probable that a Church with 25 to 30 members will grow out of this work. The town site Company has given me six lots and I have the sage brush cleared off - and will begin to excavate for foundations for a new church soon.

The whole town seems stirred as never before - and I think the work is genuine. Most of the people seem to be in profound ignorance as to the very first principles of true religion - and they must be instructed like little children in the primary requirements of Christianity. Hence this series of meetings has been more like a course of lectures to students beginning the study of moral and religious truths - than a revival meeting. On Saturday evenings I have not preached at Weiser - but have maintained the services on Mann Creek regularly. In spite of storms and mud - the interest at that preaching station is good and increasing.

I hope to hold a series of meetings there sometime during the Summer.

During the meetings here I have been obliged to suspend the preaching service at Washoe - for which I am very sorry - but I will resume the week night service there as soon as the meetings close here, and expect to organize a good church there in a few months.

I have drawn plans for a building at that point and am figuring with different lumber firms on the price of lumber for the proposed church.

Two buildings must certainly be put up this Summer - and perhaps a third on Mann Creek also So I have work enough in prospect to satisfy the most ambitious missionary. I am certain that this Country has a *great* future before it. And our mission seems to be to bring the Gospel into these needy fields. I regard this as a *strategic* point for our work and hope to lay the foundations *wide* and *deep* - for a great work in all this region. Weiser is the natural gateway to the famous "Seven devils" mining region - where thousands of miners will be employed within a very few years. As soon as the mountains are free from snow - I mean to pack my pony with singing books, bibles and tracts - and make an exploration of all that wide mining region - holding services in school houses - where there are such buildings out of doors - where there are not - and noting every important point where Church work should soon be done. A R.R. will go into that country soon and towns will spring up like magic - all along the line. One reason why this country is such a moral wilderness is because of the "snide" character of the preaching the people have heard - in the years past! Some

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Old "back number" preacher would come along on his broncho - engage the school house and "hold forth" - his burden being the condemnation of all other sects but his own! Two or three weeks later a "circus rider" of some other sort would come along - and take his turn at condemning his predecessor - and all other sects except his own! So the people seemed to regard preaching services in general as a sort of free bear fight for the entertainment of the people! No wonder many are disgusted with religion and all are ignorant of the true Christian spirit.

I have some far reaching

educational [illegible]
mind which I will
present to you later - if
my plans work all right.
Bro. Hawkes has visited
me twice and remained
"between trains." If he
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for a few days before the
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that I shall be obliged to
continue the meetings
a few weeks into April.

Pray for us -

As ever Yours in the
Master's service - E. A. Paddock.

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E. A. Paddock, 12357.
Weiser
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Name of Missionary, E. A. Paddock

P. O. Address, Weiser Idaho

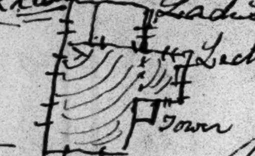
Report for ~~*Quarter*~~ month *ending* May 1st 1893

Date of this Letter, Apr. 25th 1893

I have anticipated the last Sunday in this month in making this report - as I am planning to go East soon - and on my way to stop in Denver to ship my goods to Idaho - and so need all the money I can get and as soon as possible! But I know exactly what the work will be - so can put it in.

As I have already informed you - on Apr. 2nd we organized the "Weiser Cong'l. Church with 20 members, all adults. Several others will come to us at the May Communion. The Church machinery is now running nicely. The Ladies have organized a wide awake "Martha and Mary" Society - and will be a great help in carrying out our Church building scheme

I have a flourishing "Temperance Band of Hope" composed of about 25 bright boys and girls. The Band meets every week and proposes to raise not less than $100.00 by concerts and dime raising banks towards the new church building. Since the organization of the Church I have spent most of my time in planning for the Church building work. We have nearly completed the excavation and to-day I hauled the first load of stone for the foundation with my new "Home Missionary team" which was the gift of friends in the East. The new Church is to be 26ft × 48ft for the main part with a side addition of 16ft × 16ft. Besides the main room there will be lecture room, ladies parlor, kitchen and gallery All opening into the main room and thus doubling the seating capacity.



The land for the Church is donated — four large lots. We buy the remainder of the half block for $150.00 and hope to build a parsonage on part of it. I regard the location as the very best in the town. We plan to make the cost of the building fall within $2000. if possible. A good deal of work will be donated and I shall rustle "outside" for a good deal of the expected expense. It is my opinion that this Church is to be the most important Congl. Church in the State ere long. We hope to make it strong - and a veritable *mother* of Churches in this needy region.

Since I am to go to *Saratoga* May 30 - June 2, I shall no doubt *see* you and can then explain the situation here much better than I can write it.

Very respectfully Submitted -

E. A. Paddock

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Do not fill the blanks below.
Leave that to New York Office.

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Rev. E. A. Paddock,

Weiser,

Idaho.

Date, Apr. 25, 1893

Report for ~~Quarter~~ Month

ending May 1st. 1893

Collection, $ ——

Due, $ ——

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Write nothing between these lines.

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For the Month of April
[~~FOR THIS QUARTER ONLY.~~]

No. of sermons preached	13
" prayer-meetings attended	4
" Sunday-School sessions attended	15
" In what capacity?	Teacher + Supt.
" baptisms: adult, 0 infant, 0	
" pastoral visits made	25
" funerals attended	0
" marriages solemnized	1
" largest congregation	200.
" average congregation	47
" average attendance at prayer-meetings	8
" average attendance at Sunday-school	65 at home School)
" hopeful conversions	0
" added to church on conf., 17 by letter, 3	
" members died, 0 dismissed, 0 excluded, 0	

Collected this ~~quarter~~ month for the A. H. M. S., to be deducted from your next draft 0 $

Now due from A. H. M. S., after making the above deductions Month's Salary $

Amount of salary received from your field during this quarter 0 $

What new opening for preaching? Several that I have
" " a church? not time to reach
" " a Sunday-school? Same is true of S.S's. I now attend three each Sunday, and ride 15 miles to do it. But it is too much I cannot do them all justice And must drop one,

[Paddock, Rev. E. A.]

Weiser Idaho - May 10th/93.

Washington Choate Secy A. H. M. S.

Dear Bro:

Your favors of the 4th are at hand. Two drafts - one for $125. and one for $50. were inclosed in one letter. You state that the "$125. of which $75. are salary for May and June, and $50. for your Saratoga expenses." However there were two drafts one for $125. and another for $50. designated as for "expenses". Now your a/c does not agree with mine at all on the salary question. According to the last Commission - under which I suppose I am now serving this $125. pays the salary for April alone. You can look the matter up and when I reach New York I shall hope to see you - and get the thing rectified if I am in error.

I hope to leave for Denver - Tuesday the 16th - then on to Chicago & Saratoga.

Very truly yours in the world's work -

E. A. Paddock.

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Rev. E. A. Paddock,
Weiser,
Idaho.

May 10/93

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Respecting salary.

[Smith, Edward L.]

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Ans'd

Genesee Idaho, April 25. 1893.

Dear Dr. Clark, —

The unmarried portion of the Yale Band is feeling somewhat unsettled at present. We expected to take next year for joint study in Scotland until quite recently. Baird, Hooker & myself feel that we would prefer some change of base. Penrose might fall in with our plans a year hence. We three have been discussing quite strongly the advisability of applying ourselves and the Band Idea for five years (at least) to city missions on the plan of the Institutional church. Suppose there are three of us, one to devote himself to preaching & pastoral work, one to work in S.S. & among the young people & children, & one to work among the boys & men carrying on classes clubs, institutes &c. These three could be depended on (with Penrose possibly) if the scheme should prove feasible & wise. We should expect to give the time necessary for special preparation.

Now you are a sort of Home Missionary Pope — will you not please give me your opinion upon the wisdom of this plan & whether you see any special need & opportunities for carrying it out? Our work here is in good shape & can be carried on by any body. We still want to be at the work which needs us most.

Very truly Yours

Rev. J.B. Clark D.D.

Edward L. Smith

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Edward L. Smith

Genesee
Idaho

Apr 25/93

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Respecting change of work for Band. and City Missions

[Smith, Edward L.]

Genesee, May 11, 1893.

Ansd

Rev. J. B. Clark D.D.

My dear Sir,

Your note of the 2nd May is at hand. Many thanks for your kind attention to my inquiry. I have reported your reply to Baird & Hooker. May we not hear the result of your conversation with Genl. Howard?

We desire to take up "institutional" work as a Band of three. We are willing to trust ourselves to your judgment in regard to a location. You know the fields & you know us. I could say with assurance that we would be ready to report for duty in N.Y. City by Aug. 1st 1894 if it was desired to have us embark upon this experiment (Experiment so far only as our personal fitness is concerned) there. I do not dare put the date earlier as it is impossible to see just how much special preparation will be needed. We are ready to leave these fields for good Sept. 1st 1893. if it seems best. Baird is coming down the last of next week for a conference with me. Penrose, Nichols & Davies will remain in Washington for the present.

Very truly yours Edward L. Smith.

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Edwd L. Smith

Genesee

Idaho

May 11/93

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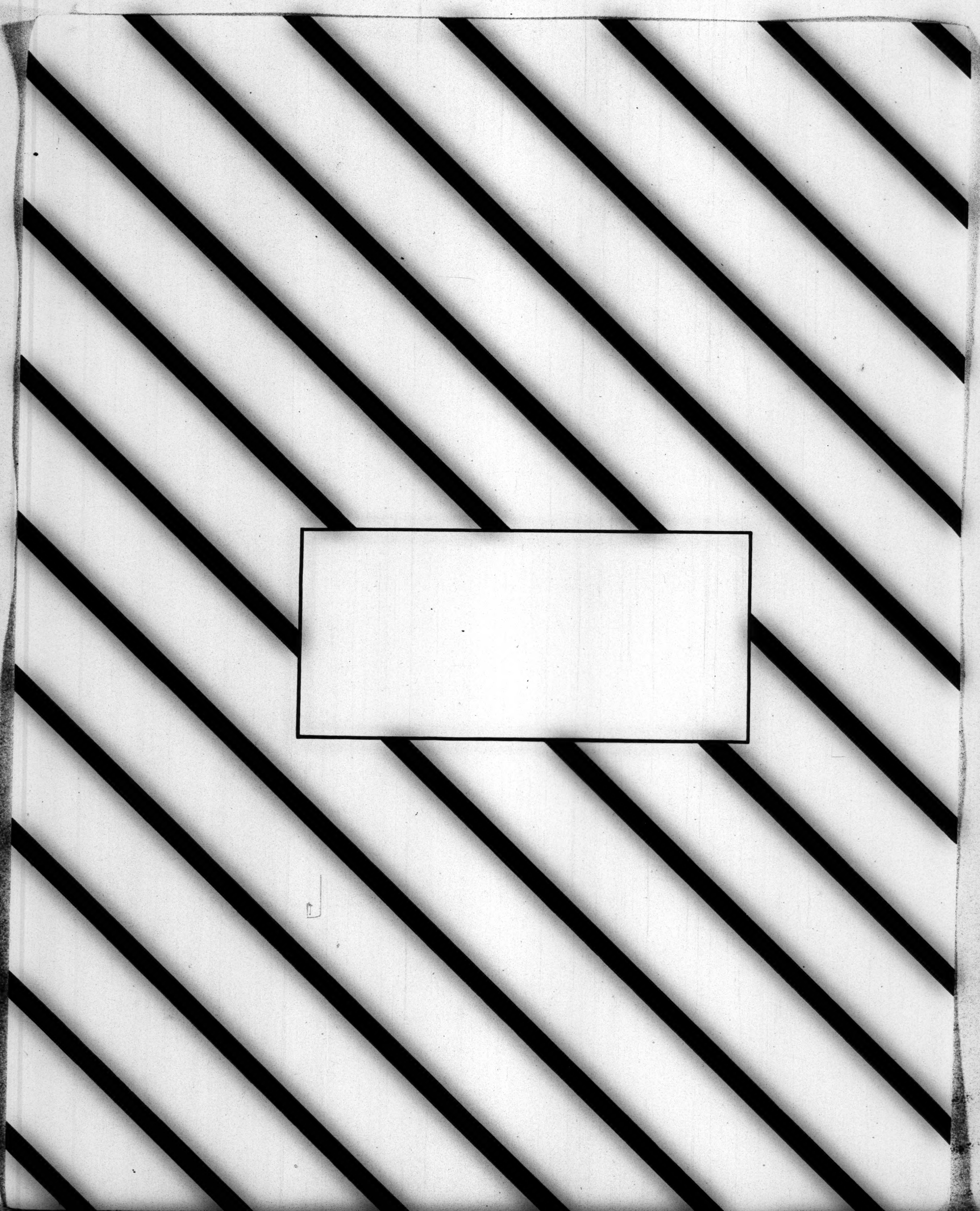
Respecting City mission work –



AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PAPERS

1816-1894

SERIES I

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

ILLINOIS

1826 - 1827

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[ELLIS]

Steam boat Wednesday evening Oct. 26

Rev & Dear Sir

I found no time to make out the statement you requested before leaving the City. I shall now attempt it as well as much fatigue and the constant jar of the boat will allow.

One of our first objects must be the establishment of schools, — Sabbath schools especially; but we can make no advance in this thing without books. — But how can these be obtained? Many, probably most, of school families will be wholly unable to procure them for themselves. And to raise a fund for the purpose would be a heavy expense & must be often repeated. There is little hope of permanent aid from that way. — But the books in our Sabbath Schools might be spared after 6 months or a year. In Boston, this thing has gone into systematic operations, a box has been placed in each school, with this inscription "Books for the west." Every child drops in his premium book, for the Sabbath schools in the west. I promised the children I would tell the children at the west, when I obtained them, & would then write to the schools in Boston & tell them of the gratitude which the books excited & the good they effected. It ~~would have~~ was pleasant to see the kindling of sympathy & benevo-

[illegible] in giving toys;—& the germs of a disposition of generosity ~~[illegible]~~ in many a little heart by the offer or the promise of a book. One little boy of 5 or 6 years brought me 5 cents which he had saved (instead of buying toys) "for some good object," he said, & he would give it to buy books for the ~~destitute children~~ [illegible] [illegible] ~~the rising generation~~ [illegible] of such purposes & such habits should be seen in every child?—Indeed it may be a question whether the child who gives in such a case may not be benefited even more than the child who receives, by thus cherishing in his bosom what may be the germ of the most important character. It may be found that this principle has been too much disregarded in education. in the formation of character.

One little boy brought me his premium-books & said "take them if you will wait till next Sunday I will get tickets enough by my lessons for another." Here is another important influence of the system. Among the schools which I visited in New-york, all the ~~teachers~~ Superintendents approved the plan but all did not suppose it consistent with the circumstances of their respective schools tho some did and spoke of adopting the same as that at Boston. One chose to have a small periodical collection of money for the same purposes. If it should be found tho but little in each school, the experiment would go forward—and all the good effects of the system would be in some degree realized—& And the schools at the East & West will become acquainted & mutually interested in each other's condition - And who can ~~doubt but the~~ interest of a western mission may not be planted in this way deep in the heart of the rising generation, & the promise of a rich and abundant harvest be completely secured.

Perhaps some other plan may be devised permanently to ~~interest~~ these children ~~[illegible]~~ who do not attend sabbath schools in the same general object -

I have been thus ~~particular~~ not because it was necessary for yourself, but because you may wish to present the subject to some whom you would not have time to explain.

In regard to books wanted, it is well known that all kinds of school books, as well as religious books will be needed. Mr. Hallock has consented to receive them & pack them up for me so that his office will be the repository -

The editor of the Repository has also kindly offered to receive the Observers when ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to send [illegible] to the west - and to directs them for the post office. He only wishes that nothing be said of it in any other paper by you, but his own. This I venture to promise him of course. The ~~only~~ statement I have to make on this ~~[illegible]~~ subject is simply that the chldn at the west need to be excited to prayer & religious action in the same manner as our chldn in East have been, & this can be hoped for only by the same means, namely, by religious intelligence from all parts of the world. But this they can not generally have ~~without~~ except from our aid. Let the christian people in the east then send them this religious publications as soon as they have read them & the thing will be affected with expense. "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." All may be done only by ~~the~~ trouble of sending them to ~~the~~ Spectator office, i.e. to Mr Morse. Henry Martin wept before God because he had failed from opportunity to distribute tracts thro' forgetfulness. If after I shall arrive at our station, & thence forward you the names & places of residence of those to whom

~~M Bates~~ Schenectady
Oct 28
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Rev. M. Bruen
City of New York

Rev. J. M. Ellis
Oct 31. 1825
Rev. ~~M. Bruen~~
~~City of New York~~
~~[illegible]~~ giving
a plan for
collecting &
distributing religious
newspapers &c
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the papers are to be sent, the christian people will furnish ~~it~~ ~~either~~ some in the way proposed, others perhaps by sending a new paper; then, it is hoped, information from the ~~[illegible]~~ done in this way, will furnish new materials of interest in your monthly concert, & will procure for us a precious remembrance in your prayers — Farewell in future —

Yours affectionately
John M. Ellis

Rev. M. Bruen —

[Ellis, Rev. John]

Kaskaskia. Dec. 29. 1825. 1825

Rev. & Dear Sir.

After somewhat more than common delay on account of the very low state of the waters of the Ohio. I arrived at St Louis about the 7th of Dec. Though a return in the form of a journal might seem almost premature yet as I have an opportunity of sending, I will make a simple statement of the interests of ~~the~~ mission for the short space.

After preaching for brother Giddings, he was anxious ~~that~~ that I should come immediately to Kaskaskia, with endeavours to build up the little church which he had a year or two before collected. Not being able to cross the river at St. Louis, on account of the immense quantity of ice which the sudden cold had produced & which was born ~~along~~ irresistably along its rapid current, I was obliged to go down the river on the Missouri side, to St Genevieve, an old French town, opposite Kaskaskia. here being delayed again on account still of the ice I preached twice on the Sabbath & once on the succeeding monday, to the few families of americans. They are, some baptists, some methodists, & some who were educated presbyterians. But I have rarely seen a more attentive audience. They immediately made an effort to ascertain whether something could not be done in connexion with Kaskaskia to have preaching there a part of ~~the~~ time. A young gentleman, a physician of da[illegible] eminent, engaged to give $50 - Another would give $30, & be responsible that $100 should be obtained, & he thought $150. But I told them that it did not appear that any encouragement could be given until I had been to Kas-a. I have been now in Kas-a ten days & have preached several times in the town & in the suburbs. An effort is now making to see what can be done, the result I shall probably know more definitely before closing this letter.

The church, - alas! there is no church here. Of 13 returned to the general assembly, & ~~entered~~ published in their ~~first~~ report, but a remnant is to be found. - Some have removed, one died, & the rest rent & alienated by reason of political animosities. It is painful to be obliged to acknowledge ~~that~~ little indeed if any christian in[illegible] is felt in this place. Political disentions & dissipation is [illegible]ost all that is heard of here. - Wealth & ~~offices~~ publick offices are the reigning deities of the West. There is however one redeeming circumstance in the moral aspect of Kaskaskia which I rejoice to mention. It is the existance of a Sunday school consisting of 70 or 80 scholars.

In St. Genevieve & Kaskaskia the inhabitants are chiefly French Roman Catholicks, & almost as much under the influence of their priests as in the dark ages, ~~the~~ prospects of a clergyman's success here is much overshadowed with doubt, & certain perplexity, unless such a blessing attend his labours as is not commonly looked for I am doubtful what will be my duty.

In respect to the general character of the place for intelligence I am happily disappointed. There is indeed much more than I had anticipated. And here, though I have not room to be particular, yet let me suggest as a matter which appears to me of no small concernment to our mission that particular caution is requisite in the statements & remarks which are designed for the public eye. And especially as the plan respecting religious newspapers from our friends at the East being sent to the West will place it all immediately under the eye of the very subjects of these communications & observations.

This plan respecting the papers, by the way, is a very popular one here. It is even spoken of [illegible] matter of surprise that it has not before been adopted. I hope you will consider whether it ~~is not~~ should not be placed in the hand of a committee, perhaps a committee of ladies, to see that papers be permanently & regularly [illegible] In [illegible]dition to the reasons which urge the prompt ex[illegible]t[illegible] of the plan is the fact that great pains ha[illegible] taken and with great success to disseminate the fatal doctrine of universalism. There is at this time a settlement of them about 40 miles South of this place, & they have made many proselites in the surrounding country by circulating their pernicious publications. I beg the friends of truth would think of this. Error will not be so dangerous where the mind is properly furnished with ~~E~~truths; but let the mind be preoccupied with error, let the enemy be established in the citadel, & who can tell how hard it will be to dispossess him -

You supposed there would be no doubt that the committee ~~of the [illegible]~~ executive would of course consider ~~the~~ labors of their missionaries as commencing with the date of their instructions (Oct. 24) if so $100 may be received by the bearer on my account.

Col. Mathers, is a gentleman of the first respectability [illegible] stance. .... Tho' not a professor yet a friend of religion.

Yours in Christian bonds
John M. Ellis

Rev. M. Bruen.

P.S. Had not heard when I left St Louis of the arrival of any one of my brethren.

Name of persons wishing for the N.York Ob. John F. Berry, James Clendenin. Henry Pettit. James Heard. David J. Baker. Daniel McGuther. - all to be directed to Kaskaskia P. Office. Randolph County Ill. — I shall soon send for more.

Rev. John M. Ellis
Kaskaskia, Illinois,
Decr. 29. 1825. Report
of progress in his
mission, & requesting
that $100 be paid
to the bearer for
him.

Rev. Matthias Bruen.
City of N. York.

Care of Rev. Wm. A. Hallock Sec. of
Amer. Tract Soc. No. 3. Cedar St.

Col. Mather.

Recd. Feb. 14. 1826.
Ansd. Feb. 22. —

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Kaskaskia, Ill.
Dec. 29, 1825
J. M. Ellis

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Kaskaskia - August 7 1826 [Ellis]

Rev. and Dear Sir,

At the close of my letter of last week. I was representing the necessity of a library - an ample library - for your missionaries. who are to be located - in order that they may be "growing ministers," - in short for the same reasons that a clergyman needs a library in New Eng. or in any other place. & especially on account of the dificulty of procuring them in this county. - Your missionaries also require the means of establishing libraries in all the neighborhoods & towns - ~~& I would say again~~ for the same reasons that ~~existed~~ when Dr. Franklin set forward the plans of social libries - And the appeal is now made to you in their behalf for the following reasons.

1. You have espoused the cause of the church in the west - and there is joy on earth & in heaven for it. - and from what I see & hear - and when I think of unborn generations - and when I think of my Country's destinies, my heart is full & I feel that that joy is to be eternal - and I know that the appeal will not be an unwelcome one to you.

2 - You can have little hope of seeing a radical, permanent change in the character of the people, such as you desire - without giving them a taste for reading - and the means of improving it. This you know cannot be done without books - but books they have not - I speak now of the vast majority - when they came to the county they were careless of preserving what books they had - & when the families seperated into different branches each of the children taking a book soon exhausted what remained - and there are none but schoolbooks to be obtained in the county - and these at at a great price - All, or most, that is done for several years in the way of establishing libraries - or furnish the opportunity of reading - must be done by the beneficence of our eastern friends - For I have before said that though there is corn enough & meat enough, yet there is almost no money

among the people generally. Thus their children do not learn to read. *

3 - Besides I am fully convinced that the profanation of the Sabbath will not cease until employment can be given to the mind, that is by reading. But while the Sabbath is profaned as it is now, a most heart sickning and deadly obstacle will lie in the way of the success of your missionaries. All this is true in the places where you missionaries will be located - it is especially so in places where they can visit but occasionally; but yet where they will be able to engage the attention of numbers to religious interests. And further - their time will in general, for a considerable space at least, be devided between two parishes - a very important inquiry now arises; how shall the vacant Sabbath be provided for? The complaint has been made to me - namely, the good effect of preaching is in a great measure lost by being destitute so much. Now this effect is unavoidable, on well known principles of human nature. And the only remedy appears to me to be - the supply of suitable books. My own observation assures me, that though this nor any thing else can ever be an adequate substitute - for ~~the want of~~ the preaching the gospel - yet it ~~will obvious to you I believe that~~ it is a most important one where such deficiency must exists. And often if suitable books were at hand publick worship might be carried on by the service of Elders or others, qualified for it. Such a practice you must have observed in the narratives of revivals - has sometimes (perhaps always) resulted in great good.

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* Three miles from St. Genevieve I visited a family which, in the day of its prosperity, resided in Richmond Va. - lost one son on that dreadful night when the theater was burnt - while two daughters escaped - One of them was the lady who first gave the alarm. Now, for reasons mentioned above a son of 12 years of age is only able to read with some difficulty the easiest readings. They have been in the county about 7 years & his progress is now respectible in our Sab. sch. which is his only opportunity.

When I look on this famine of books — (and I see it every day!) and this waste of intellect — and this breach of the Sab. and this and these demoralizing ~~soul~~ destroying errors and practices which are inevitably consequent. — and then remember that ~~books~~ ~~at~~ the East are almost a drug — knocked off daily at your auction shops for a 4th. of their original cost & from among which might be selected, great numbers of books of the kind that would be most useful here — I ~~feel~~ can not but plead with my brethren to remember us in this thing. ~~[illegible] almost to suffocation. Your ministers [illegible]~~ daily opportunity of establishing ~~these~~ Librarys if they had the means — as they soon become acquainted with religious people for hundreds of miles around. But until something of this is done, there is despair in the very attempt ~~of~~ to turn the youthful energies of the country, from the amusement of the rifle, the billiard-table and the dance — to the pleasures of intellectual cultivation — or of combined action in ~~the~~ any of the great benevolent objects of the present day.

Brethren do not forget us in this thing. — Often, when this subject, both now and in prospect, presses hard upon me, — often have I wished I could pour my full heart, bursting with emotion into your bosom.

Last evening, (monthly concert,) an old man, raised in the presbyterian way," — but not pious. — was present with three of his family, — a son & daughter, both married, & a younger son of 14 or 15. They had come 12 miles 2 Sabbaths past some of the family had come that to hear the gospel. They were deeply interested. Subject was the future days of glorious, joyful triumph to the church. Is. 60. — What the Ch. is now doing. — Success. — ~~the~~ — Appeal, no neutral ground. St — He that is with me is against me, — what has the recording angel written for us — against us in heaven's registry? — the doom of the unprofitable servant — the end of the friends — of the enemies of the Chh of God. — now is the time. — At an hour when ye think not the Son of man cometh. — The subject was entirely new to many — the father was affected to tears in relating, next morning, the impression ~~[illegible]~~ on his younger son, who had never before heard a sermon untill this and the day previous i.e. Sabbath.

This man seems now fully determined that he and his house shall seek after God. — The mother was educated a catholic — but seems now a very interesting and determined inquirer — This family it appears has considerable influence in the settlement where they reside & a deep interest is excited there — they are already determined to build them a meeting house. — I have engaged to visit them on my next return to St. Gen.

As nearly as I am able to judge, the spirit of God is beforehand in exciting this interest. — and earnest solicitation to your missionary to "come over and help them." — to preach the gospel — & to consult with them on the mode and means of building their house. This is an encouragement ~~which~~ which banishes all doubt that God is here with his blessing — and may it not be a pledge of his future favor? —

Yours, Dear Br. — J. M. Ellis —

— no rest, untill the church is made a praise in the west — — — I shall write next week

Rev. John M. Ellis, Kaskaskia. Aug. 7. 1826.
An appeal on the subject of establishing libraries in our missionary stations at the West.

St. Genevieve Missouri August 9

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. U.D.M.S.
No 25 Dey Str. New York

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Books

Kaskaskia,
Aug. 7, 1826.
J. M. Ellis

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[Ellis, Rev. John M.]

[Howe, Rev. Eldridge]

Springfield, Sangamo Co. Ill. February 11th 1826.

Rev & Dear Sir: I recd at Paxton, Ms. your letter of the 2d Sept. announcing that the committee had voted to grant me $100, outfit, & 100 during the year. In reply I stated that the . . Miss. Soc. of Con in consequence of having recd donations for me from benevolent individuals, had sent me an outfit made up of these donations. In thus virtually declining the outfit of your society, I was not influenced by a conviction that I did not *need* it, but that it might, for more than one reason, be wrong for me to receive two outfits. One reason was, that I might by receiving it be the occasion of keeping it from one even more necessitous than myself, or of depriving some destitute congregation of a pastor. Yours dated, I think, the 29th Sept., in which you request me "to keep you advised of my movements," was forwarded to me here from Paxton by the 22d December. For the promptitude and kindness with which both these letters are dictated I am grateful.

~~I left Paxton~~ I left on the 27th of Sept. by way of Albany, Buffalo, Sandusky, & Louisville, for Illinois. On Sunday, Oct. 1st, I performed divine service on board a boat on the canal just before entering Utica to remain for the afternoon. On the 15th I preached in the village of Utica, Ohio, and on the 23d at Worthington. The only part of the Ohio river that was navigable was between Cincinnati & Louisville, and the land rout thro' Ohio is expensive. My expenses to Louisville were $140. In purchasing horse and waggon at this place, Rev Dr Blackburn offered to become responsible for me, as well as shewed us every other attention. I obtained my horse and waggon however without credit; tho' my want of resources caused us serious inconvenience and suffering before my arrival among friends in this State. My difficulties were aggravated by being obliged to exchange horses in Indiana. At New Albany, Ind. I preached once upon the Sabbath; and also at Vincennes, Ind. and Edwardsville, Ill. After visiting Rev Mr Giddings in St Louis, I arrived at Morgan Co. which is the second county above the mouth of the Illinois, on the 6th Dec. having had rather an uncomfortable journey, & having been more than once detained on the road several days.

The Rev John Brich from a Presbytery in Ohio having located last Dec. in Morgan Co. I thought it most for the interest of the church to remove after a few weeks to Sangamo County. This is about 45 miles square, N.E. from Morgan Co. and is the third from the mouth of the Illinois, upon the southern bank. Of the 72000 inhabitants in this state, 5500 were by the census of last summer numbered in this county. By an increase received from the immense immigration to all the region of the river Illinois this county has now more than 6000. The county seat, Springfield, contains at present above 400. It is situated upon the south side of the timber of Spring Creek, which runs Northerly into Sangamo river. In front of the town there is a prairie of seven miles width extending up Spring Creek to the right almost indefinitely. There is another village in the County called Sangamo. It lies upon the Sangamo river, about 20 miles South of the Illinois, & 7 N.W. of Springfield. Sangamo river is 200 miles long. It rises in the prai

S. W. of Lake Michigan, & runs in a westerly direction thro' Sangamon Co. into the Illinois nearly in latitude 39½.

The literary advantages of this region are few. At least one half of the children are growing up in ignorance. Many families are without the Bible, & some could not read did they possess it. A Bible Society has however been organized, and [illegible] Sunday schools. One ~~is~~ has been in operation during the whole winter. The Methodist Circuit preacher has many places of preaching. & the Cumberland Presbyterians are not few. There is one or two Baptist churches. There exist some Unitarians under the name of Christians. There is no Presbyterian church. A few persons are scattered throughout the county who have letters from churches in different parts of the Union, and who might be gathered into churches. When we [illegible] reflect that seven years ago this territory was in possession of the savages, or at least considered their winter hunting ground; that a part of this county is still theirs for this purpose till next year; and that so great a population has been gathered in so short a time, what may not be looked for in this fertile tract in the years that are to come?

From this brief view you are now able to judge whether or not I have any prospects of usefulness here. I consider myself as probably located for life. As to support, there is an extensive prejudice against giving a minister any, as well as against education in a minister. The few who are willing are scarcely able. At Springfield I expect ~~to be obliged~~ in a few days to begin a school for want ~~want~~ of sufficient encouragement to devote my whole time to the good work of the ministry. A subscription is spoken of for me, but what will be subscribed & collected I cannot tell. I should think at least 50 Dolls. My own opinion and that of the judicious is that after two years a competence will be derived from the people, with the help of my own exertions at a school, or upon a farm; and that large congregations will be collected. At present I preach at Fancy Creek 10 miles north of Springfield on one Sabbath, and the next both at Springfield & at Sugar Creek seven miles S. of Springfield. The hearers are attentive. I can speak of no visible effects as yet produced by my preaching. I endeavor not only to gain the attention, but to inform the understanding, so as to induce convictions.— I shall be glad to hear from you when you can find it convenient to write. I shall then be informed on what I may depend from yr society. I am just informed by Rev Mr Whittelsey that ~~more~~ than the outfit has been contributed by the ... Miss. Soc. of Con. for me. Will this contribution in the minds of the committee ^ upon what I may expect from ~~them~~? When I have recd this contribution I am no longer to be the beneficiary of the Miss. Soc. Con. of

If any [illegible] can not B[illegible] coming to me transmitted by draft on B[illegible] or otherwise to Mark Newman, Esq. of Andover, Mass. my friend and Creditor. I wish it may. He will venture the risk of loss.

Respectfully yours,
Elbridge G. Howe.

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Rev. Elbridge G. Howe
Springfield Sangamo Co. Ill.
Feb. 11. 1826. Report of labour
& wishing to know how much
he may expect from this
Com. Also requesting $50
to be transmitted to Mark
Newman of Andover.

Rev J. M. Bruen Cor. Sec. of
the U. D. M. S.
25 Dey St.
Recd March 20 New York City
Ansd April 8.—

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[Howe, Eldrige G.]

Springfield, Ill. May 23, 1826.

Rev & Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th of Apr. was rec^d two weeks ago. The encouragement it contained has strengthened a resolution, which I trust was not weak before, to stand, tho almost alone, upon this extended frontier, and use my efforts that morality and religion may follow the progress of population and civil improvement.

Before directly answering your inquiries, I beg leave to state some preliminary facts, concerning the people among whom I labor, which render my situation as respects receiving a support from them peculiarly difficult.

1. This people are unusually divided. The fame of these fertile pra has attracted here a greater variety of character than is to be found in the neig boring states. As this is, more recently than Indiana, the N. Western frontier the nation, it is not yet purged, so much as that state, of those of [illegible] outlaws and apostates from good society, who ever linger around the confines of civilization. Illinois has rec^d it immigrants from a greater number of sources than have the adjoining states or probably, than even Ohio. Besides, it is unpopular in the west, that a minister receive a regular support. From these causes, there is a great want of union in promoting any religious, or even any literary object. Or, were a majority united, 5

2. They would at present be unable. A great part of the population is fro poorer classes in the adjacent slave states, some even from Missouri; whereas, latter state there are many wealthy and enterprising landholders. If citizens were poor on their arrival, they have not in general been the most i since in improving their condition. Indeed they are more addic indolence than to any other vice. Hundreds do not labor to the value of two months the year. Natural advantages have not only fostered former habits of inactivity, but gener ones. The emigrant to Indiana must away the forest before he can p the earth for a crop; while that to Illinois finds the field ready fitted for the plough & the scythe. The soil here produces almost spontaneously. But these facilities of soil, united with the great distance of a market for the surplus produce, has rendered the inhabitants listless, and consequently indigent. Th present wants of appetite, it is true, are easily supplied; but the comforts & conveniences of life, with mental & moral necessities, are not provided for nor wil these latter be, till they are more palpably seen & felt.

But were the people both able and united, they are,

3. Prejudiced against educated & eastern ministers. This is specially so wi part of the population in this state on account of the [illegible]rity, not yet subside with which the question was not long since agitated and tried, whether the state constitution should be so altered as to admit slavery. This prejudice had for its object ~~we~~ eastern residents in general.

4. They are prejudiced against me in particular. I was the first Missi Illinois who left New England upon a new plan, which, on account of the state of their funds, the Missionary Society of Connecticut had formed, tha giving those clergymen disposed to settle in the west an outfit only. I kne

one in my situation, a hazardous experiment. But, being purposed on ting Illinois with the view of locating there, I had no alternative; for to the [illegible] of Enquiry I had addressed to the Hampshire Miss. Soc. & to the U. F. M. S. I rec'd no return.* I reflected that if the Lord of the harvest was sending me to a remote & destitute part of his vineyard, I might trust his security for my temporal sustenance. Yet when I crossed the Wabash in 1824, with the probability that some of those extensive wildernesses, before me, on my right hand, and on my left, would be the field of all my future ministry, I did not think a reliance on Providence preclude but rather demanded exertion. I knew I was not a prophet like Elijah, that the ravens would bring me food. I expected no further ssistance from the Miss. Soc. of Con. nor from any other. I felt that I must bestir myself, or retreat from the field. As there were few or no organized efficient Presbyterian communities, I was driven to the unwelcom task, only in private conversation however, of proposing plans for my own support. Such movements of myself and my friends, arrayed not only many of the Baptists, Methodists, and Cumberland Presbyterians, but some of the old Presbyterians against me. For, I repeat, *it is not popular* in the *west* a *minister have a regular support*. He must labor for six days of the and on the seventh bestow his strength gratuitously. I name it not to lain, that I have been pointed out, not at camp meetings, [illegible] by hers merely, as "a wolf in sheep's clothing", and one "who has $400 ar". Since my arrival last winter I have been silent— Tho' I some good friends here, it will be sometime before the prejudic ing against me will be entirely done away.

Thus, Sir, I have stated the divided state, and the poverty of this people, together with their prejudices against eastern preachers in general, and myself in particular, as peculiar difficulties in the way of my receiving a support from them.

Your first inquiry relates to the patronage of the Miss. Soc. of Con. In 1824 I rec'd from it $100 outfit. In the summer of 1825 I found myself obliged to appeal to them again for assistance; and for fear of failure in re it, wrote also to Rev. Mr Bruen. He, under date of the 2d Sept. informed me that the Committee had voted me $100 for the *third* time as an outfit, and 400 more during the year. The return from Rev. Mr Whittlesey, however, arrived first. "The Trustees," to quote from their last Report, "thought proper to grant me another outfit of $100, which is all the compensation I expect to receive from the Missionary Society of Connecticut. In addition to this, some benevolent individuals generously contributed about $80, to aid me in my journey to the field of my future labors." The knowledge of this last donation did not reach me two [illegible] months since. My only connexion now with this Society is to comply with the request of its Secretary, in transm[illegible] a journal equal to the amount advanced by them, ~~[illegible]~~ in afterwards communicating such occasional facts, as they might think interesting.

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* Mr Bruen's reply arrived in Andover after I left.

In your second inquiry you wish for information respecting my necessities, & the amount arising from my school. The emolument from the first quarter, six weeks of which are gone, will be 62 Dollars. Should I be obliged to make a long and thorough business of instructing, it would become more profitable; just as, on the other hand, should I devote myself exclusively to the appropriate duties of my office, my supporters would be more liberal & numerous. With my domestic avocations, my school occupies the whole of my time except on Sundays, when I ride from ten to twenty miles, and preach once, and twice, alternately. Extemporary tho' my sermons of course very literally be, it becomes a matter of serious inquiry, if I continue my school, whether they should not, from regard to my health, be confined to Springfield.

To describe exactly & minutely my necessities I ha^d^ copied from my pocketbook particulars of expenditur[illegible] receipt^s^. I have room, however, for only the summ[illegible] The estimate for the remainder of this year is low, & omit[illegible] articles of indispensible. If I stay here, it is necessary to build, as rent is, [illegible] an indifferent house.

Expenditures.		Receipts.	
From the beginn^g^ of this Miss^n^ year, on 27th Sept. last, including journey to this state, furniture, provisions, &c, to the pres^t^	266,38	183,50	Miss. Soc. Con
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Estimate, for the rest of the year ending next Sept. including 250 Dolls for House Lot, & Building		50	
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	393,50		
Deficiency for this year.	294,88		

Estimate For 1827.

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315 Deficiency.

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If I am supplied from abroad with $200 more this year, & 200 for three years to come, I still should be obliged for a part of the time to teach School. Had I known that my case would have been thus desperate, I should never have thot it duty to ~~[illegible]~~ choose this place for settlement. And perhaps the Committee may advise my removal to some other place. If so, I beg to be guided by their wisdom accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Elbridge G. Howe.

P.S. According to your direction I drafted an order on you for $50 in favor of Mark Newman, dated 13th May.

Permit my congratulations on your succeeding to so useful & important, tho responsible office; & on the prospect of a National Dom. Miss. Soc.

Affectionately,
E. G. Howe

Sangamo Ct. Ill.
27th May
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Rev
Absalom Peters, Cor. Sec. U.D.M.S.
25 Dey St
New York
N.Y.

…dge G. Howe Spring
field Ill. May 23. 1826
Stating his circumstances &
the amount of aid he will
need if he continues there.
Also stating that he has
given a Draft of $50 in
favour of Mark Newman

Ans. July 12.

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[HOWE]

Springfield, Illinois, Aug. 5. '26.

Rev.d & Dear Sir

I rejoice in the formation of the Nat. Home Miss. Soc. & perceive that the U. D. M. S. is amalgamated with it. But as I know not the *manner* of the Union, nor the officers of the Nat. Soc. I must consider myself as addressing you as Sec.y of the U. D. M. S.

I stated my condition in answer to your inquiries, more than two months since.— I know that the U. D. M. S. is not pledged, at least I am willing to act on the belief that it is not pledged, to grant me here any further assistance, than the $50 bestowed last winter, & for which I have drawn an order in favor of Mark Newman, Esq. of Andover.

I have however directed Mr Hallock of the Tract Society to procure me the 'Preacher,' & the "Christian Observer," by orders on you, knowing that if I had *anticipated* any grant, it was perfectly easy for you to refuse the orders.

I have been obliged, as I hinted might be the case in my last, to give up two places of preaching entirely, & circumscribe my efforts in this village, on account of my school, & my declining health. My school of three months is thro', & I do not expect to realize more than 60 Dolls from it, & that not all immediately. I have of course been put to considerable temporary *distress*, as my expenditures are much greater than my receipts and shall, unless otherwise enabled by your Society, teach another three months,— & ultimately shall be obliged to leave for some other station.— My distress would have been avoided, however, had I not by some mistake of myself or the Sec.y of the Miss. Soc. of Con. failed to receive a remittance I ordered here, but which was sent to Dea. Newman of Andover.

The P. M. has privately resigned in this place, & myself with other competitors have made application for the Office, which is worth 120 Doll. per annum. If you do not think it will not too much impede my official operations, I beg you would, by yourself, & by your friends, cause my petition to be so represented at Washington that I may succeed. One of the competitor has I believe procured Mr Kane, Senator in Congress from this State, to intercede for him. Temporal necessity I suppose is the principal argument urged for getting the appointment; & *that is* urged strongly here on every subject almost, as it is next to impossible to gain a Dollar in Specie for any purpose. My necessity I believe to be greater than any other petitioner's to the P. M. General; still, to succeed, I need the weight of some influential men to put in the balance with Mr Kane. — I have referred the P. M. G. to some of the Proff & Tutors in Columbian College, (D.C.) who were my fellow students at ~~College~~ in Brown University. I wish not any troublesome or expensive measures taken, for it *may* be too late to succeed.

It will now be out of my power to build this autumn, & I must continue to hire, expensive as it is.

It is not only unpleasant, Sir, but really unprofitable to the people here that I must *struggle* for a *daily subsistence* — It makes me quite a secular man — it makes my extemporary [illegible] effusions still more unprofitable; and it needs *un*common powers thus to preach, & yet raise a large congregation. Tho' I cannot complain of *diminishing* congregations, yet I fear *I* shall never be able to throw much interest into my public services, while I continue to be so embarrassed by worldly *wants*, & troubles. My conviction is therefore clear, that I ought in duty to remove, unless an important change takes place with respect to my affairs.

I have for some weeks been waiting a return to my last communication. If it shall not have been forwarded when you receive this, I desire it may be soon, that I may lay my plans accordingly.

I succeeded in organizing Bible & Tract Societies at Lewiston on the Military Tract 55 miles North of this village. Persons holding certificates from [illegible] in this & in other States were present expecting to be constituted into a church. A bilious attack obliged me to postpone the expected services indefinitely, tho' hoped to fix another time in the autumn. My School, & the lowness of my resources, obliged me to this; for, I am ashamed to confess, that I was obliged to beg money to pay ferriage across the Illinois, & that I have rec'd little more of the people to whom I have preached in this county than would pay my ferriage within it.

On the third Saturday and Sunday of September I expect with the assistance of Rev Mr ~~Moffe~~ Brich, ~~and Chamberlain~~ to collect a church 10 miles north of this place.

Rev Mr Giddings may have hinted to you the circumstances under which Mr Chamberlain is with him at St Louis. As he was fully competent to the little society to which he is now lately by an unanimous voice called to be the minister, it has been a matter of some wonder to one clergyman, several Elders, and other Presbyterian professors, who have spoken to me on the subject, why Mr Chamberlain should remain as colleague with Mr G. [illegible] expense of the U. D. M. S; unless, as should have been the case, at the desire of Br Giddings.

Yours, Respectfully, Elbridge G. Howe

Elbridge G. Howe

P.S. If any thing is granted me by the U.S. M.S. Please to have it all forwarded to me by mail either in U.S. notes or by draft on St Louis.
If you need a formal order from me, please write it over my name on this or the other Page.
E.G. Howe

Rev. Elbright G. Howe, Springfield Illinois Aug 5. 1826.
Report of labor & wants.
Also requesting us to recommend him to the Office of P.M. in that place. Also to transmit the sum due him — & also a notice of Rev. H. Chamberlin.

Aud. & Draft of $50 sent Sep. 9.

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Sangamo C.H. Ill.
5 August

Rev Absalom Peters, Sec. U.D.M.S.

25 Dey Street

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[Brick, Rev. John] [MORGAN CO.]

Near Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois. Feb: 6: 1827.

Rev. and Dear Sir, Understanding that you are the corresponding Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, I take the liberty of addressing this letter to you, and if you please, for the consideration of the Society. And as I am both a Stranger, and far away from you, it may be necessary in the first place, to give you some little account of myself. It is then, the last Christmas, Twenty six years ago, since I left Lady Huntingdons College, at Cheshunt, in Hertfordshire, near London. And I laboured as a Minister in that Connection, in England Ireland, and Wales, till I left Europe for America: June: 11: 1817. And landed at Quebec in Lower Canada: August: 12: 1817. And soon proceeded up the River St. Lawrence till I arrived at Kingston in Upper Canada, where I continued preaching the Gospel, and in that neighbourhood for about fourteen months. Then for reasons, that it is not needful for me to state here, I proceeded further to the South West, till I landed at Cincinnati, in Ohio: Dec: 8: 1818. And in this neighbourhood I connected myself with the Miami Presbytery, and laboured in preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, chiefly between the two Miamis, and in the East edge of Indiana, for about two years, or a little more. And then more particularly in Urbana, and on Buck Creek, for about three years more. This Church as the two Branches are Joined together is called, Union. And in November 1824. I set of on a Journey through the State of Indiana, and a good part of the State of Illinois, and have in some degree made myself acquainted with Sangamon County, Pioria County, Green County, and Morgan County, where about one mile and a half from Jacksonville, I have baught me a Plantation, with a little money that I brought with me from England, and a little more that I added to it in Canada, and a little more that I have saved very slowly since, till I parted with it freely for a little Land, and Timber, for which I am indeed thankful to Go: Having learned that it is a most difficult task, to get hold of a little money in these parts, even to enable a person to do his needs very sparingly And especially for Presbyterian Ministers. As the common cry in all my travels has been, and is, that the Presbyterian Ministers can do nothing for Religion, The Gospel of Christ, the benefit of the Souls of men, except they have, and receive the best part of the Fleece, or their mouths are opened by a Silver Leaver. And should they be so unfortunate as to receive a little assistance from any Society, to help them to make known Christ, And his Salvation, for the benefit of their fellow men. Then they are doing nothing more, than making Merchandise of the Gospel. Owing to the many ungenerous insinuations of this kind on the one hand: and the public hard speeches of the same kind on the other. And the very little Money there appears to be in these parts in circulation, and the few peop who have it, and their desire to secure for themselves, and their Familie as much of the good Land as they can conveniently get, and to open, and fix themselves on their Farms, as well as in their other different callings, and the Public Buildings that are called for in every new County, and in this New Country. Under these circumstances the People here appear to me, neither to have it in their Power, nor to feel any great inclination to do much either for the Gospel, or for the support of the Ministers of Christ, for the present. Not but that it is my opinion; they could do much more, for this best of all causes on Earth, than they do, if they were only blessed with a willing mind, and without either hurting themselves, or their Families. And now being in the decline of Life, and seeing and feeling the difficulties attendant on preaching the true Gospel of Christ, and to depend on the Public for a scanty support, in these parts, where it has fallen to my lot to do it, according to the ability given unto me, for nearly these last Ten years Has filled my mind with a desire to get myself a home on my own Farm, and so as to be able to get the few necessaries of Life, from the blessing of Heaven in the Field, with the aid of my own industry. rather than to be altogether dependant on the Public good will, howeve liberal, and free, it is, and may be in some. And at the same time to do all the good I can in the name of the Lord Jesus, by preachin his Gospel to my fellow men on the Sabbath Days, and some time on the week days, in the neighbourhood where I now am.

—It will be a year ago next March since, I connected myself with the Presbytery, then held in St. Louis; there being none for the present in the State of Illinois. In taking a view of what I have received for my labours in the Ministry, for these last three years, I do think it is rather short, than over one Hundred and Fifty Dollars. And Fifty of that I received for supplying a Pulpit in Cincinnati, for a bout three Months. And about forty Dollars more of it, From the Friends of the Gospel in Green County. And Thirty Dollars mor of it, for being a Missionary, for one Month, under the Synod of Ohio. And with respect to the rest of it I have received a little here, and there. And in the same time, I have been diligent in preaching God's Word amongst th Destitute, and generally twice on the Sabbath, and often on the week Day

And about a year ago, I lost a good Mare, that was taken Ill, and died in one night, for which I gave Fifty Five Dollars in Silver. And this last fall I have taken a Journey into the Miami Country in Ohio, and in going, and while there, and in coming back again, I have traveled upward of a Thousand Miles, in hopes of getting a little money, that is, and has long been due to me there, but I was disappointed in getting the best part of it: and see but a dull prospect of ever receiving it. Under these circumstances I feel myself much straightened for the present. And believing from what little knowledge I have of Public affairs in the religious World, that the hands of your Society, and of all other Societies, are more than full. And have little doubt but they have more applications than it is in their power to supply. And being fully persuaded in my own mind of the Truth and Doctrine of St. Paul, who saith, that we should remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. The view that I have of these things causes me to have the feelings of reluctance in my own mind, at the thoughts of troubling you with this letter. But seeing it is likely that in future my residence will be in Morgan County, where there are a few names, who lean towards the Presbyterian Doctrines. And also I have met with a small Church at Carr[illegible]on, and on Apple Creek, in Green County. And between these two Counties, I have chiefly divided my labours, for the last year, in preaching the Gospel word on the Sabbath Days, and some times on the week days. And from Jacksonville to Carrolton the two County seats, they are about 35 miles apart. And to remunerate these services, the Friends have done, and promised to do me a little work on my Farm in Morgan County, but no money. And the Friends in Green County have promised to give me for these Services, one hundred Dollars, one half in Cash, the other in trade. About 40. Dollars of this I have received, as I have stated above, which has assisted me in buying another Mare into the place of the one that died.
And now Rev. Sir, Should the American Home Missionary Society, under my present circumstances, and as I have here stated them, Judge my case worthy of their notice, so as to help me in this part of the Country, with a little pecuniary aid: it will be thankfully received. And if not, I hope there is no harm done, by my troubling you with this letter, nor the least offence given, with any thing in it, as I am sure on my part, there is none meant.
While for the present, Rev. and Dear Sir, I remain your Obedient,
humble Servant, in the Gospel of Christ: John Brich.

The Rev. Absalom Peters.

P.S. I feel at loss how to direct this letter as it aught to be, as I know not, Sir, where you live, but I suppose in, or near New York.

Rev. John Brich [illegible] Jackson-
ville, Morgan Co[illegible] Illenois
Application for [illegible]aid & Stated
Feb. 6. 1827

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The Rev. Absalom Peters,
Corresponding Secretary,
of the American Home,
Miſsionary Society,
New York.

Received March 9. 1827

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[Ellis, Rev. John M.]

Kaskaskia Jan. 10. 1827.

[redacted] Rev. & Dear Sir,

You, with the Committee, kindly offer your sympathy, and exhort us not to be discouraged. I never felt so deeply the value of such sympathy; — I never felt as now, the unity of the body of Christ.# "If one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."# Tho' the wound be given at Burmah, how soon is the throb of anguish felt ~~at~~ in the remotest point of the globe? — And what is best of all, there is a heart in heaven that is not untouched. # Yes we see Jehovah Jesus reviving the spirit of the apostolic age, by appointing to his servants, apostolic labors & trials; & thus [redacted] in the 19th. century, it is beginning to be felt again something of the faith & patience of the primitive Ch. But our trials & suffering do not entitle us to be classed with the apostles in this respect, nor with the dear foreign missionaries who are nearly our antipodes — Accept dear brethren, my acknowledgments, & the fullest reciprocity of Christian sympathy and love —

Do not suppose, however, that we are now easily to be discouraged, having once withdrawn our eyes from the [redacted] comfortable settlements, & salaries, and consecrated altars, and well regulated churches of the East, — coming where we knew the very corner stone was to be laid, far away & alone — "Tho' often" perplexed on every side, yet wary not in despair" "cast down, but not destroyed." It is probably quite impossible for you to conceive how much we feel the want of frequent ministerial intercourse - its support, its experience & its consolations -

You desire to be informed "how I am received and ~~treated by among~~ the people among whom I labour". Since becoming acquainted with the manner in wh. all ministers are treated at the West, I believe I have had such a share of attention and kind regard, as was reasonable to expect - tho' it is not, will not soon be here as at the East, - so few understand at all, the peculiar situation, wants, trials, &c of a clergyman. There is a manifest change for the better in every way & at present there is certainly a very considerable seriousness - I think I may ~~s~~ say the word of God has taken effect, and appearances are encouraging. New subscribers are added, & the country around is beginning to come in. The sums received for ~~the~~ the last year is about, $150 -

For the next year several gentlemen engage, 200 or 250.

My time will probably be confined principally to Kaskaskia for the coming year. (I have a female Bible Socy that promises good.)

You may be surprised that so no more of the subscriptions is collected, but you would not be so if you knew the state of things here. St. Gen. is exceedingly poor. & so indeed are ~~many~~ in Kaskaskia - (poor i e in respect to money.)

I shall probably think it my duty to remain here another year, unless something contrary to present appearances should occur. ~~I shall be happy always for your ad~~vice & direction.

You have doubtless observed the late accounts of the state of the Mines in Illinois. They have not been overrated by ++ Thousands are flocking there for the next summer season. ~~We~~ I have conversed with gentlemen of that place, who speak of it as one which calls very loudly for ~~a~~ missionary labor

~~immediately~~;— in order to establish ~~Tract Society~~ Tract Societies ~~there~~, & institute some regulations respecting morals & divine worship, before the open fronts of vice & impiety becomes as heaven-daring ~~[illegible]~~, as ~~in~~ at the Missouri mines. ~~where you might almost as well think of establishing order in hell itself. But at the Illinois mines are not yet so lost and might be preserved.~~ The moral influence of the miners on the State at large, is ~~very~~ great; as ~~[illegible]~~ citizens from every part of it resort there ~~for from every part~~ for several months in the year, and then return. There are resident at the place several families of respectability, who desire preaching;— ~~A methodist is at hand it is not respected there~~ (i.e. preacher) ~~and they would~~ very door, & there no doubt ~~[illegible]~~ perhaps immediately support a missionary entirely.

Permit me to suggest to your committee [illegible] inquiry whether ~~one~~ itinerant missionary might not be of essential service for a considerable time at least,— to ride thro' the country, visit the little Churches &c &c.— we that are permanently located cannot do it effectually if at all. It would certainly be of important service to prepare the way for coming missionaries. Perhaps the itinerant system is too entirely laid aside, The state of the country is peculiar.

I regret not receiving a letter from ~~the~~ New York Presbytery for joining brothers at the West. I beg it may be sent as soon as may be, ~~as the~~ Missouri presbytery meets in March. ~~[illegible]~~

— The two doll. inclosed— 1, for the "National Preacher", to be directed to Stephen Hempstead Esq, St. Louis.—

— The others to procure glass chimneys for a common study-lamp— Diameter at the lower end a little less than two inches. I certainly should not trouble you with this little

business were it possible for me to do otherwise, – weak eyes require it, & no such glass chimnies are to be found any where here – They should be packed in a little box, & placed in a box of books when one is sent –
– The $50. added to "outfit" – is a relief – ~~The~~ The evil of being in debt is a grievous one in a country like this. – tho' in my case as in many others unavoidable –

Rev. John M. Ellis – Kaskaskia Illinois – Jan. 10. 1827 – Report of labour and prospects – requests several payments to be made and Commissions executed for him – desires a missionary for the mining Country in Illinois ~~and a [illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]

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Sum received $150 – from $400, = 250 – I shall use my best endeavors to collect 50 more = 200 – $50 of which to be sent to Dea. James Melledge, Charles St. Boston. And $60 to A. E. S. (Care A. P. Cleaveland, Boston.) on a note signed by, W. Gale, J. G. & $100, to Rev. Prof. Haddock Dart. College, for my tuition.
I know no other possible way but to trouble a brother in this business –
All appears more and more pleasant here, – I can truly say I am well received, kindly treated; – and am this morning renewedly assured that at least $200. can be secured. Yours – J. John M. Ellis

Rev. & Dear Brother,

The discovery of an oversight
in my last communication to you (a few hours after
it went to mail,) occasioned me as much mortification
probably, as surprise to you. It must have happened in
consequence of doing up two letters relating to money, in
haste at the last hour of the mail. You will, of course
abate the $100 & from ~~that~~ which relates
to the college if you please. —

To you I suspect there will be an appearance of hesi-
tancy with regard to my answers, & statements respect-
ing your inquiries. If so it gives you a true fea-
ture in the general aspect of things at the west, —
and a feature which will continue for some time.
If your inquiry some months ago how I was received &
treated — & so with respect to the next year — an answer at that time would have been
mere conjecture — at the earlier inquiry — It all arises from a want of
organization, — even now it will be impossible to state
with certainty & definitely, — only I am reassured that
the statement I last gave is about the true one.

Perseverance is the great thing — perseverance in the
use of such means as God has appointed — until
there shall have been time for their continued opera-
tion to change the habits of the people. There appears
to be a very happy state of feeling generally, in this town
and considerable seriousness. — Scott's Bible is doing
good — The memoirs of Mrs. Huntington is making a
most desirable impression — This is all a new thing —
I am more and more persuaded that it is quite im-
possible to calculate the importance of these religious books
for the west. —

The inclosed ten dollar bill is a donation from
a lady in Kaskaskia, Mrs. E. S. Morison — for the pur-
pose of procuring books for the west, and is intended
to accompany the suggestion for some permanent arrange-
ment ~~in order~~ to facilitate the procuring of books in aid
your mission, for circulation in libraries, or otherwise,
as shall be thought best, — you will perceive that
it is a donation for the aid of your society (indirectly at
least,) — and I hope you will acknowledge it in such
way as seems proper. — I hope the suggestion may receive
consideration — Among the books I most needed are Dr
Alexander's Evidences —

It is probably quite impossible for who have never visited the destitute parts of our country, West & South, to have any thing like an adequate idea of the wants of such a work as Scotts Bible – for these dark regions. Think of the 28,000 copies now circulating in the older States, with all your other privileges – of the sanctuary – of the Conference room & Bible Classes & religious libraries – If this work is so valuable to the old churches wh. are so regularly & so richly fed from such variety of sources, of what value must it be to the numerous destitute churches throughout our land which have none to break to them the bread of life! – Of what unspeakable value not only in the family circle but in their attempts to carry on public worship without a pastor! – & where every imaginable error abound, – from the wildest fanaticism to the boldest effrontery of infidelity.

Scott's Bible seems to me to be the very thing which the Great Head of the church has design'd as a substitute for a pastor in the numerous destitute churches wh. it will be quite impossible for you to supply for many, many years. – But they can be supplied with Scott, if a little exertion is made.

I was glad to see a notice in the Chronicle of Dec 30. respecting a mother who purchased 11 sets, for $187 = $17 per set – I am disposing of them for $16 per set. & even at that price – it is exceedingly difficult for many to obtain them, many who have abundance of produce of every kind but no money – It is impossible for the great majority – There is a young man of the best promise with me who is looking forward to the ministry – a brother of his, also has the same view – His father a valuable man, elder in the Pres. ch. in the upper part of Missouri, – meetings very rare – error & infidelity & disorganization, & profaneness on every side – with a large family of younger sons – all well disposed – & very promising. – This young man is exceedingly anxious that they should have Scott's B., But tho' the father has abundance, yet it is next to impossible to obtain even $16 – (beyond his taxes). – So of thousands of instances where that work would constitute all most all the means of religious instruction they can have –

My mind has dwelt on this subject with so much concern that I have not been able to find rest until the following suggestion occurred to me, which I will venture to state to you.

The idea of a fund sufficient to procure stereotype plates with the view of furnishing Scott, on a plan somewhat similar to that on which the A. Tract Soc. is conducted, first suggest itself - but the difficulty of obtaining a sufficient fund was a formidable obstacle - Altho I have so full a conviction of its importance that were I in possession of the requisite funds, the work should not be delayed -

But would not this be altogether practicable viz. Let the calculation be made, to ascertain definitely, the expense of the stereotypes ~~edition~~, and then issue subscriptions or circulars to the various clergymen & missionaries - churches &c - exhibiting the reduced price at which Scott can be obtained if so many sets be taken i.e. enough to pay the expense - The price would doubtless be reduced much be low $16 - & the depositories for Tracts, might be the depositories for the Bi & thus opportunity would be given to all the c s throughout the destitute parts of our co as well as by the reduced price, would be the means of aiding their circulation, every where.

It need not be said that such a work will be a powerful auxiliary to the whole system of benevolence - as its author - If this plan appears to you sufficiently important, perhaps it might be well to mention it to Rev. Messrs W. A. Hallock & Austin Dickinson - they are eminent in feeling & judgment and calculations in all things relating to the grand machinery of benevolent operation, - Should the plan succeed, the ten dollars may be disposed of in aid of it - as that will directly promote the object for which it was given by the donor -

Yours Dear Bro -
with the best affection & respect
John M Ellis.

Rev. John M Ellis – K
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Kaskaskia May 23. 1827.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

In my last, I think, I took the liberty to suggest the importance of itinerating labours in the west. More observation and reflection have confirmed the conviction of its necessity. I will submit some of the reasons for it.

1 The peculiar state and usages of the Country. State — as very thinly settled — little villages remote from each other — The citizens frequently changing their places of residence — It is the only way of making your missionaries extensive acquainted with the County —

— Usages of the people — from the manner of the ~~methodist~~. — the southern and western mode of electioneering — which, in the season of it, forms a very important part of the business of the circuit-riders —!! So that the people expect the preachers or the office seeker will come to them. — So that it is by itinerating is the only way that your Society can reach many & extensive sections of the country. — Thus your missionaries ~~can~~ neither can become ~~[illegible]~~ acquainted with the people nor the people with them — The people in the west must see & hear for themselves —

(2) The *State* and *expectation* of the Presbyterian churches —

Your plan is exclusively, "location," — or nearly so — So that itinerating ~~to~~ by your located missionaries, is out of the question — i.e. in such proportion as is thought indispensible — Of the expediency of the location system, there can be no doubt — & *ultimately*, no occasion may be found for any other — & ~~tho that~~ time will not be — *can*-*not* be during the life of the present generation —

Without further provision for itinerant labours, it seems inevitable that many of the feeble churches can seldom if ever be visited — & many settlements — not at all — My own experience, both sides of the River — as well as the experience of others communicated, enables me to speak with the fullest confidence — ~~There invitations~~ My labors are pressing at home — I preach — twice on the Sabbath — & adult, female Bible class on monday — conference Wednesday evening — Youths Bible class on Saturday — & about once a week preach from 5 to 20 miles in the county — & yet I have *calls* from abroad which would, if attended to, occupy my whole time & much more — There are I believe but two other presbyterian clergymen in the State one at the east about 100 miles, the other, at a still farther distance north of me — (Mr. Brich.) —

And the northern part of the state is that which is at the present much most rapid in its growth of population. — After a missionary had been itinerating one or two years he would be much better prepared to be useful in a location, — from his experience, as at the North & East. But especially is it important in order to prepare the way for new locations.

But another & perhaps the most important reason of all is this: — viz. for the benefit of Sabbath schools —

In many respects this is the most important institution in the western country — as a substitute for common schools — as almost only way possible to keep the country (in many sections) from a state of barbarism — the only mediums of instruction — of every kind — But experiment has shown in a few instances where they have been in a degree superintended by ~~a~~ clergyman, to give them the right spirit & direction — furnish books &c, that the Sunday Sch system is or may be by faithful exertions & the blessing of heaven, the redeeming angel of the western country — Here again I speak ~~from~~ my own experience & therefore with confidence. — Besides it is the opinion of some of your most judicious friends, laymen, here, that Sunday Sch. alone can save the country — because no other influence can ~~a~~be brought to act on the great body of the community. — How difficult, — shall I say impossible, to promote this work without itinerating labour. — "Old Mass, with all her 1000 ministers is about to employ from 10 to 20 Sund. Sch. Missionaries within her own limits. & Illinois & Missouri, not one you will recollect – the communication of Rev. M. Robinson on the subject – & that of the Bible Societies. – – – You will recollect also very recently, a notice in the Observer – respecting the formation of the Methodist Sund. Sch. Union – This spirit ~~[illegible]~~ possesses the whole body of the methodists they are making every possible exertion to secure in their own hands all Sunday Schs – using exclusively, or as much so as possible methodist books with almost as much zeal as the catholicks in regard to excluding all other books.

Is there no way of ~~[illegible]~~ providing more itinerating labors either by a modification of your plans – or by communicating with some other society whose plan admits of such an arrangement –

May we not hope to hear from you on this subject –

Yours Dear Br. in Christ – J. M. Ellis

This hastily written communication is not for ~~[illegible]~~ the publick eye

Rev. J. M. Ellis, Kaskaskia
May 23. 1827 – Reasons why
the missionaries of the A.H.M.S.
should itinerate in the West-
ern Country

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In my last I ventured to express an opinion, that in no way could your missionaries hope to answer the great purposes of your A.H.C.M.S. in the service of the church so effectually as by aiding more directly ~~effectually~~ the cause of education. I speak with special reference to Oo. & Il. although the fact shows that in most of the western states east of this presbyterianism has been first introduced and finally established in connexion with teaching.

In giving several reasons for my conviction I mentioned the catholics. I regard their influence as an alarming ~~[illegible]~~ ingredient in a free government because it suppresses every thing like ~~to~~ education in the mass of the people, as well as all free inquiry in religious subjects. Your Editor places in italics the statement that four Roman Catholic Churches are to be found in your City; and they have repeated, that, "If the catholic religion prevails our liberties are lost." Yet you do not feel it, because it did preoccupy the ground, — and because, as to numbers they are subordinate in N. York. There, the sacredness of the sabbath is not entirely destroyed ~~by~~ as soon as mass is over by those. Those religious ends with the matin; walking, riding, fishing, visiting, dining, dancing, card-playing, parties & billiards; especially the latter which at St. Genevieve are always going from the rising to the setting sabbath sun. — Twice, the Circus was opened, & the proprietor {Pippin} boasted that he would sound the bugle just in time to take the people coming out of the Ch. He did so, & succeeded. But did not the priest prohibit it? — Perhaps he did, or perhaps not. It is certainly common for them to disapprove of gross immoralities publicly; — but this I was told he did, viz. that he aided the tottering steps of an old man (to the place of the circus) who alas is since gone — But I believe he did not remain himself. O, never bugle sounded like that bugle; I was preaching within hearing to my little congregation — Your heart would ache, your eyes would weep in agony to see the influence of these practices on the feeling of even New England people with regard to the sabbath. — Brother we have no sabbath at the west. It is all lost in coming here. I need hardly make any abatement from this assertion. — If any thing of it remains, it quickly falls off in the easy current of degeneracy — a wide and sweeping stream overflowing all its banks.

If it be said that the circulation of the Scriptures will do much to correct these evils, it must be replied that, tho the Bible is not publicly burnt as it was a few years ago by the priest, yet it is effectually prevented from being read as if it were burnt. — An anecdote will show that it is not only not read but dreaded. — Mr. Shackford a respectable merchant at St. Louis, from Portsmouth N.H. sent his daughter for want of a better school to a French school at the Nunnery. — When she returned from the school it was with extreme difficulty that she could be persuaded to look into the Bible. She read it only in obedience to her parents. She has since said that she dare not open the Bible without the most dreadful apprehension that she was doing wrong. Such was the influence of the catholic religion on her mind. She is about 17 years of age. Her scruples have since been removed by reading Bish. Horne's Intro. to the Study of the SS. — If such an impression could be made on one with a protestant education, it is seen at once, how complete is their control over catholic minds — so painfully darkening their superstitions — and so dreadfully afraid of their Bible!! —

Their schools are a means of ~~spreading~~ extending their influence. They are emphatically Catholic schools. A gentleman who has been 10 years successively in Congress from Mo. told me that he visited the catholic seminary 18 miles from his house, in order to satisfy himself whether a classical education could be received for his son without a catholic education. When he asked the question directly of the Bishop the answer was, no — we shall expect him to attend to the catholic forms & usages. The gentleman sent his son to Louisville Ky. But few have the discernment to make the inquiry, & fewer still have the means of sending off their sons to a distant state.

A gentleman of my acquaintance sent his two daughters to the same school that Miss Shackford attended. In answer to a letter for direction from them, he wrote that ~~he~~ he wished them to conform to no religion untill they were old enough to make a choice from their own judgement! And directed them to shew the letter to the nun, their instructr. The object of the daughters present the nun with the letter. She read it hastily & indignantly dashed it into her face! — Such incidence shewed, among other things, that the propensities of these cloistered matrons are not often checked & that their reign of terror is very nearly absolute. — When I say that all these catholic schools are direct instruments of the priesthood to effect the purposes of the Cath. Ch. — I express not only my own opinion but the ~~the spirit of~~ opinion also of the gentleman of whose son I was just speaking as having gone to Louisville. The plan is a subtle, truly Jesuitical one. Nothing can counteract it but the establishment of ~~such~~ schools on a truly liberal foundation. — This would not only secure to the protestants the opportunity of a good education, but many, doubtless, who are more or less connected with the catholics would prefer them. — But after all the great mass of the young cannot read at all — or if they read a little, read only tracts. So that reading in the best circles of the French families — is not very popular, but rather the contrary. — Hence the unconquerable rage for every kind of vain amusement for every kind [illegible]. This is the French i.e. the catholic influence. And it is spread among Americans not only as a contagion, but also by intermarriages! — And this is the irreparable evil. A young American marries a French and he is at once neutralized as it respects all the traits of character which distinguish American citizens and in the improvement of society. — "Such a young man say "Dr. Robinson," was always a constant attendant on public worship — since his marriage with a French lady he never is seen there. — So universally — I think of no important exception. — Their children of course associate with the French connexions and the influence of mother on the minds of their children. — The husband acquiesces in the habits of the wife — All all commingling in society produces a most deadly effect on any thing like a spirit of improvement. — A man of the world might be delighted with the liveliness of a circle they would form — but oh, the moral death — the dry bones! — This in addition to the Unitarianism (& a great deal of it is here) makes it very hard — beating the rock! beating the rock

without the aid of education I despair — — prevails.
Generally, a foolish rage for early marriages — C.E. at 13, 14, 15 — perfect children themselves — are utterly unqualified to conduct the affairs of a family. — all grow up as "spoiled children." — nothing is more common than for lads to break away from their parents at the age of 16 or 18 — & "set up for themselves" — The idea of improvement is as much a stranger to the minds of these as to the mind of a savage — A gentleman who has been for many years an observer speaking of this insubordinate character of children ~~a~~ — &c — will continue until a new race of inhabitants take their p
But this will be by Education or not be effected for many years if ever. — Almost every effort is vain without carrying along with it Education. — I believe it altogether practicable.

I shall continue the subject in my next.

Yours aff — Dear Broth. J. M. Ellis

Rev. A. Peters —

I am truly surprised that nothing of the press was mention in your last. not to be published

Rev. J. M. Ellis. Kas Kaskia
Ill. Aug 7. 1827 — Reasons why missionaries should devote themselves much to the cause of education — French influence — request $50 sent to Dea. Fisher of ~~[illegible]~~ Keene N.H.
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I wrote many months since desiring $50 might be sent to Dea. Thomas Fisher, Keene N.H. — I have lately understood that it has never been received. — I am anxious to know whether it was ever sent. If not, I beg that it may be soon, as ~~[illegible]~~ I had written them that it was sent. — I hope it may not be thought necessary to stand for formalities as the distance is so great and the time consumed to procure orders &c would be from 3 to 6 months. Will you please to write me as soon as may be, whether money which I have desired sent to others. — $50 to the Education Society — $50 to Dea. J. Mellen 98 Chs. St. Boston. & $100 to Dart. College have been sent.

[HOWE]

Feb. 28. '27. Paris. Edgar Co. Illinois

Revd Dear Sir ~

My prospects for usefulness & of support continued to increase in Sangamo County till I left it ten days ago. Exertions were made to detain me there; especially by the Sugar Creek people, who subscribed more liberally than I could have expected. Still, I could not depend on receiving "the major part of my support" from my hearers. I therefore completed the preparation I was making for removal on the receipt of yours advising it, "in view of the many calls for aid, and of the places mentioned" in my last to you.

The first day's journey from Springfield towards the Wabash is 40 miles up the Sangamo River to Steven's settlement, where I preached on Sunday to people reputed moral and respectable. Tho' they have no regular clergyman they assemble for worship every sabbath. After I had concluded my discourse, which was on faith, a ~~Christian~~ Unitarian, here called *Christian*, or *New Light*, arose, and for ten minutes endeavored to do away the effects of my sermon, which he probably considered heretical, indirectly charging the preacher with false doctrine, and with not feeding the "sheep" and the "lambs".

This neighborhood had just been visited by an impostor who had left one or two wives behind him in some other parts of the Union, and here pretended to be a preacher, having forged credentials and assumed another name. He was first a Baptist, then became a Methodist in order to accomplish his designs, & married a member of the Methodist Church. He carried away some people with his noisy eloquence; but at length proved to be a profane swearer, a liar, and a thief. He threatened to ~~beat~~ flay and shoot the brother of the unfortunate woman whom he had here married, and whom he now deserted, carrying off a borrowed rifle. — I sent a notice of him to the Sangamo Spectator.

The next day's journey is 43 miles, 25 of which is over a prairie lying between the Sangamo and the Kaskaski The rout on the third day is from the wood growing on the head waters of the Kaskaskia across the Grand Prairie 45 miles to the settlements ~~to~~ on the timber of the small branches of the Wabash. In the whole distance there is not a single habitation, nor any wood, save two small groves. For many times during the day I could perceive nought but the ~~level~~ brown grassy plain terminated in every direction by the blue sky resting upon it, as upon the waters of the ocean. Tho' the novelty of this prairie ~~country~~ country had long since ~~ceased to attract particular~~ ~~a~~ worn away from my mind, I had today new feelings of the desolateness and the sublimity of the prospect around me. The sources of the Sangamo & the Mackinaw, the Vermillion and the Embarrass, and the Kaskaskia, are in this part of the Grand Prairie.

Paris church has about 50, & New Hope about 70 members. The latter is in Indiana, on this side of the Wabash however, about 70 miles northerly from Vincennes. Rev Mr Merrill from Andover Seminary has spent a few days here and I hope healed an unfortunate division in the church. The prospect is that I shall be located for the year ~~between~~ in Paris, and receive considerable support from the united congregations.

If I should not, I shall be able to subsist a few months longer in Springfield. The P. M. General has assured Wm S. Hamilton, Esq, of that place, that the expected vacancy in the Post Office, the profits of which are equal to 130 Dolls. a year, should be supplied by me.

Money, which I borrowed to complete my education, & to meet the expenses of removal to this country, is now called for. I am therefore under the necessity of making a draft on you, which I would petition the Executive Committee to allow you to countersign, & forward to Salem, Mass. to Willard Howe, ~~with~~ And I beg the favor of your directing him to Rev. Mr. Cornelius or to some other ~~person~~ who can inform him how to dispose of it without loss.

Your servant in the Gospel. Elbridge G. Howe

Paris. Edgar Co. Illinois, Feb. 28. 1827.

To Rev Absalom Peters, Cor. Sec. of the Amer. Home Miss. Soc.

Sir — Please pay Mr Willard Howe, or order, of Salem, Mass. Fifty Dollars on my account as Missionary of the American Home Missionary Society.

Elbridge G. Howe.

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Rev. Absalom Peters.
Cor. Sec. Amer. Home Miss. So.
87 Nassau St.
New York.

Rev. Elbrige G. How—
Paris, Edgar Co. Illinois
Feb. 28. 1827— Report of labours
has removed from Sangamo Co.
to Paris, Edgar Co.— prospect of being
located for the year in the Congregations of Paris & New Hope—
Order for $50.

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Paris, Edgar Co. Ill.
April 7th, '27.

Rev & Dear Sir—

My last dated at this place four or five weeks since informed you of my being on a visit to Paris & New Hope churches, on their invitation with a view to settlement. Since that time I have engaged myself to these churches for one year, have returned to Springfield, and removed my effects hither.

In removing, I took a new road, which runs in nearly a straight East course from Springfield to Paris, and lies sometimes 15 or 20 miles South of the road generally travelled. It passes up the Sangamo river on the South side ~~of it~~ 30 miles, & then ~~traverses~~ a wilderness, across the West & East Forks of the Kaskaskia, and two forks of the Embarrass, 70 miles; [illegible] distance there is no trace of inhabitants, except a few deserted Wigwams. The prairies having marshy places in them, and the waters being high, our progress was only 20 miles per day. We of course, encamped three nights beneath the naked sky— once in the prairie, beside a clump of bushe using wood for cooking which we had brôt with u for the purpose.

Should I dwell in this region three or four years, I anticipate seeing the water courses in this wilderness, where now not a single cabin is erected, lined with habitations.

Today I expect to preach at ~~the~~ Paris on the Sunday School Anniversary, on Sunday at Paris Courthouse, on Monday 10 miles East, on Tuesday at New Hope meetinghouse, and on Wednesday ride to Presbytery 40 miles on Racoon creek in Indiana.

As to support, the subscription is nominally something more than 200 Dolls. a small part of it in cash. Should the draft I made in my last of 50$ on you be countersigned & forwarded, I now think I shall not need any further assistance from you for the year. The subscription it is expected will increase.

I should be glad, Sir, to receive the Annua Report when printed.

The church on Shoal creek in the centre of this state, consisting of more than 100 members, is still destitute of a pastor. One of its Elders applied to me just as I was leaving Springfield. I think it probable that a young man out of debt, might receive nearly if not entirely, a competent support from that people.

Mr Jacob Bancroft, of Boston, to whom I was indebted about $20, writes that the debt is cancelled. I am not informed how much you paid him, neither what amount he has given me; and I would solicit a statement of the case.

I should be gratified at receiving any communication from you.

Your servant in the gospel,

Elbridge G. Howe

Rev. Absalom Peters.

Rev. — Elbridge G. Howe,
Paris, Edgar Co. Ill. April 7.
1827 — Report of labours — is
settled at Paris — does not ex-
pect any more from this Soc.
the present year. — Shoal Cr.
a station in the interior of Ill.
where a Miss'y. might obtain
nearly all his support

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April 7

Rev Absalom Peters, Cor. Sec. of
the Amer. H. M. S.
87 Nassau Street,
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Ans. May 4. 1827 —

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State of Illinois }
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By order of Session

We beg leave to represent to your Honerable board the State of the Church in this westren reagen the Cause of our redeamer is in a languishing State at preasent and the people Scatered over a large Extende Country hear and their little neighbourhoods of profesers have formed them Selves in to Churches but unable to Support a preacher the people Jenrally poor and mony Scarce the land ofice dreans all the money from this Contry

we have the Rv. C. G. Howe a mong us at preasent he moved hear last Spring he preaches one half of his time in Paris and the other at New hope twenty miles from Paris New hope is on the Wabash in the State of Indiana he has established a bible Class in each Church and Sunday Scools in difrent places Mr. and Mrs. Howe is boath Sick at this time with the ague and feaver has not bean able to preach for ~~Sometime~~ two weeks

we have Eighteen Suberibers in this Church the Subscribtion in this Church amounts to Somthing over one hundred dolers and a bout the Same in the New hope and the most of that in trade, wee think that not Sufesiant to Suport Mr. Howe and as he has no other means of Support we would Humbly Solicite your aid if it Should be but four or five weeks as your Sosiety is formed for the purpose of Supplying the destitute and the poor we think we are among the later and a Small Sum would be a very Seasonable releaf to Mr. Howe at this time

behold the harvest is grate and the labourers are few in this Country a Wide Extended field for Missionaries in this Countrys and men too flerning and talants as their is a considerable prejudice a ganst Educated preachers

and the misonarys a mong the Baptist brethren
and a garst every Sosiety and institution that is
Sot on foot for the Spread of the gosple even
the bible Society and Sunday Scools is evil Spoken
of by these bewildered baptists in the West
We Would now addreſs you in the language of the
man that Stood by Paul in his night vision
Saying Com over to macidonia and help us
this letter deserves an appoligy if I knew how
to make it for I am ignorent of your mode of
doing busineſs, after this Statement of our Condition
your Sosiety Can think proper to give us Som
aſsistance We Should Ever feal grate full
may the grate head of the Church prosper
that institution and mak it a light to lighten
the Wourld is my prayer for Christs Sake

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~~The~~ Cor.s Sec.t of the American
Home Miss. Soc.t
No. 144. Nassau St.
New york

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Samuel Vance, Esq. Clerk
of the Session, Paris, Edgar Co.
Ill. Application for 4 or 5
weeks aid in support of Rev.
E. G. Howe

Dated July 14. 1827

[Howe, Rev. Elbridge]

Paris, Edgar Co. Illinois.

Oct. 17. '27.

Rev & Dear Sir—

Some months since the Presb. church in this place applied to the Am. H. M. S. for some assistance in supporting the gospel. Elder Vance, the clerk, has shewed me your reply to that letter. You inquire for what term I am engaged with this people, & say that it is not customary with the Trustees to grant a commission for less than a year. I have undertaken to answer you in his name.

I was engaged in February last by this church, in connexion with New Hope 20 miles distant, for one year, on subscription of about 200 Dolls. chiefly produce.

I have always been reluctant to applying for assistance— I wish to procure by my own exertions the means of subsistence, & of preaching the gospel. I tho't it possible to get thro' the year on this subscription— & if not, that I might apply at any time subsequent to the commencement of my year. I determined to try; tho' I knew there was much hazard in the attempt.

By June I found it would not do— my people did not meet their

-engagements with punctuality, a virtue very little known in this section of the nation. I stated the fact to the Sessions of the two churches.

On the first of July my wife, & on the secon myself were seized with a bilious disease. Since which time to the present hour we have suffe almost every thing by sickness & want. Part of the month of August I was senseless & dangerous. Our child has also been sick two months. During all this time my daily expenses were great, whe as my receipts in cash were not over $2—

The consequence is I am insolvent— my distresses are accumulated. I am not yet able t preach, & scarcely to ride. My wife is not so far recovered as to manage her household concerns. I am about to abandon my log cabin, thro' which the moon & stars give a cheerless light, & hire my board.

As I did not wish to prevent the churches for months from enjoying the labors of another minister, I have given up my charge, at their proposal.

The labors of ~~this country~~ the ministry ar so fatiguing to the body in this wilderness, & the climate ill agreeing with my health

& that of my my wife, together with the impossibility of deriving a support ~~from my people~~ here, have induced me to leave this for N. Y. or N. England as soon as I may possess the means. Perhaps by borrowing I may depart in a month — perhaps not till the Ohio breaks up next spring.

It was probably unwise in me that I was not confident & bold enough to apply for a commission at the beginning of the year. I had hoped to succeed without foreign aid.

I do not apply for assistance now — I do not complain of my afflictions — I would not regret coming to Illinois (tho' it has involved me in debt deeply): but I have made this statement of facts, that the Trustees may know the real causes of my forsaking this part of the vineyard. — I have written so personally, & with such freedom, that I must request you not to publish any of my letter — at least not so that my friends may affix to the writer a name or a location.

Yrs in the gospel,
Elbridge G. Howe

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Rev Absalom Peters, Cor. Sec. A.H.M.S.
144 Nassau St.
New York

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April 14 1831

Absalom Peters Sir

Tho the importance of some Missionary Aid in This Section of Country we feel Very sensibly; we have a Bible and Tract Societies in this County, we have Meeting on the Sabbath read sermons Prospects Favourable, for a New Country The Opening of those Great Lead Mines in the Mississippi River, and prospects of the Canall, on ~~the~~ Illinois, will Combine greatly to bring in wealth in This Country, and ought not ~~the~~ Gospel to be early introduced here– to give you some idea of this Country I heard a ~~lat~~ local Preacher observe a few days sins, he had not heard the Calvinist Doctrine advocated for five years. —— Now think of eastern Members Scattered through this country like strangers in a strange land; We have no where else to look only to the A M H M S, plan to send to West the Prospects is, of the above so. and I will write you More particulars;

Very Respectfully

Absalom Peters

N Jones

I ~~Flatter~~ got paint myself, a man with his family

Wm. N. Jones, Canton Ill.
Apl. 14, 1829 statement of
the wants of that region &
Application for a Minister
— thinks one might get his
support there ——

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[Jones, W. N.]

Rev Absalom Peters

New York.

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Lusbies, Nathan

Canton Ill. Sept 14 1829

Mr Absalom Peters sir

This Knowten is to describe Fullon County as a field for your Socity. there is a few Presbyterian Members in the vicinity of Canton We dont know of any person to organize a Church Within 150 Miles. I am not wishing for a man to Organize a Church and then leave us. I am wishing for for a Man to Come to this County and Make a permanent stand — altho this County is new Money scarce we need the gospel. ~~a Minister should be scanty~~ Because this County is settling fast from all parts of the union. and and because a man here might visit other parts of this Millitary tract and might form a number Churches now — and because this is far the most healthy part of the State. and Because this larg tract Bounty land is as large as the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island Broth and Most all ~~Claimed from~~ Pattented land except ~~Fractions~~, there is no land offer to take of Money. I know of no part of the World where more could be done with less expence, land is cheap. Many come of ~~with~~ large tracts of land. how easy if disposed to appropriate land for the different benevolent Socitys, and lay a foundation for Many generations and ~~Becau~~ this field if neglected will be occupied by the wicked ~~soon~~ who will sow Tares I would earnestly recommend this place. for I think a man would get more support here than any other place it is considered the most healthy. I have lived here three years and have not had the first case of of the fever nor any of My family.

land and ~~is~~ ready if he wants will be procured for a farm
there is 10 Religious Papers Taken at My office
our Sabbath school in Canton recited 5000
Verses of Scripture the first quarter this summer
we have a Bible and Tract Societies auxi-
liary to The American and yet four
years ago there was No white person
living Within 12 Miles of This place
Shall we not have a Minister?

Absalom Peters

Yours &c Very Respectfully

Nathan Jones

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Rev Absalom Peters
New York

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[TAZEWELL, CO.] [Willis, James]

In the attached part of Tazewell Cty Illinois

Dear & Honoured sir } Oct. 31st 1827

I have now taken in hand to communicate to you and through you to your society some thing of my situation & and the situation of the country around. about 17 days ago I landed here with my family (which consists of six in number being small children all except myself & wife) from a distant part of this State. we are far from all human society except the savages of the forest who are very numerous. This may appear to you very strange, but still more so when you here my reason for it which is for sake of good society. this was not all the reason for I must ac=knowledge that the beauty and true excellence of the country had considerable influence on me, and I do fear that the love [illegible] gain, that old bitter root, the love of money which is said [illegible]cripture to be "the root of all evil" had to much to do with my project. I have a tolerable acquaintance with the dif=ferent churches and settlements of presbyterians in this State and there appears to be so many difficulties that pre=sent themselves against the permanent establishment of a Stated Ministry that I am of opinion that this place will be as favourable to the establishment of this most valuable ordinence (the gospel) as any place in this state. provided your society shall pleas to extend their Benevolence to us.

The diffeculties that arise in the way of the gospel are these In some places where a few are settled the country is filled up with other denominations and irreligious persons so that there is not room for any more and they are so weak that they are discouraged in other places where they are more nu=merous they are divided in sentiment, some are fond of loud, noisy, fiery preaching and would as leave stay at home as to hear a man preach that wrote his sermons and others are more fond of the still small voice, they wish to hear preaching that informs the judgment and that does not work entirely on the passions and among some it is the prevailing opinion that preaching once in fifteen

Nathan Jones Esqr
Fulton Co.
Canton ^ Ill. Sept. 14, 1

Statement of the great
want of Ministers in that
region — and practicability
of supporting them —

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weeks has a much better effect than to have it every sabbath and in some places the country is very sickly and every person is trying to leave it and hunt a better country

These things has discouraged me from settling among any one of the settlements, and my plan for the establishing of the gospel is to begin in a new place where the country is open and where it will afford a dense population, and try to gather a few presbyterians and then ask some help from your society and let the people know that we have preaching and that our country is open, and let the minister try before he starts and all the road as he comes along to direct the attention of all such as are in the notion of moving to this place that is all such as would be a help to support the gospel. let the Minister come and set down, and the people as they come if there may exist some little difference of opinion with respect to some small matters ~~they~~ they will generally conform to the regulations that they find in the congregation where they come.

I did try hard to get some professor of our order to come and settle with me, but I could not get one, some of my friends found fault with my project and told me that I would have no kind of neighbours but Sabbath brakers and profane persons for such allways settle on the frontiers; they expressed great fears that I would raise my children without the stated means of grace and in a great degree ignorant of the gospel. but I could not think like them. my hopes were then and are yet strong that I would be prospered in my undertaking. After I got here I found that the prospect of a settlement was much better than I expected or that the place would settle much sooner than I expected. there has been more than one dozen of men here looking at the country since I come and they all like it very well, and express an anxious desire to move to this part. one man got to this place about one week ago prepared to build a house, his family he left about 50 miles back in the settlements, he is a presbyterian and a very zealous one to appearance, I never saw him before but I heard of him and wrote to him and told him what I intended to do and he has come on and is now engaged at building him a house to move his family to. I know of three more that will move here they are presbyterians and I know of a great number that are talking of moving from what I know I think there will be enough of Presbyterians here in twelve months to justify the organization of a Church. If kind Providence should order matters so favourably for us we will then need a minister. My humble request to you the managers of the society is that you would send a missionary to this the north part of the state for a term not less than three years leave the Gentleman entirely to make his own arrangements and I want him to come to see this part of the country before he makes any arrangements, there is a settlement of 15 or more familys on the reppids of Illinois River about 25 miles North of this where he might probably labour part of his time proffitably. There is another settlement about thirty miles south where they would no doubt be the better of a teacher. and I hope that if you should see proper to hear my petition and send assistance the the gentlemanan that comes will find a settlement sufficient to spend a good proportion of his time in this settlement. I would not presume to choose what kind of a man to send but you would do well to recollect that a young man here would not have the advantage of the counsel and advice of the fathers in the ministry, nor even of his equals often, he ought to be able to manage his own business. You live in an old rich country and have very little idea of the difficulties that attend these new settlements we are not used to having any of the luxuries of life about us yet our heavenly father feeds us with food convenient for us. and if you should send a man here it would be well if it could be so that he should be able to live on tolerable rough fare for that is much the most common in this State. If you should send a man pleas to give him time to try what he can do, less than three years would not be sufficient to give it a fair trial. and if I am correct the sooner he comes the surer he will be to succeed in gathering a church, our success I know depends entirely upon the blessing of God yet we must use the means & ask his blessing on them. I ask assistance of you but I would not wish you to bear the burden and let me go free no — I am poor but what ever the Lord will put in my power I think I am willing to give. If the man you send is willing to live in my family I will board him one year and wash for him if he should be a single man and if a married man I will engage on my part to find his family.

[illegible] make their bread the first year and what else may be able to do if in the knowledge of any of the mem[illegible] of society there would be any of pious persevering out of a thousand to wish to remove to this country they would increase the interest there [illegible] let them come and judge of us and our country whether they like it or not. Our parts of the country [illegible] on the e[illegible] side of the Illinois River about 70 miles below [illegible] suppose the g[illegible] which I have made choice of for the seat of a congregation is about ten m[illegible] [illegible] miles [illegible] by [illegible] or not is uncertain [illegible] miles below the mouth of [illegible], where the [illegible]

I am a member of the Illinois State Society for the suppression of Intemperance and under obligations to the other members not to make any use of that common destroyer of mankind except as medicine, Therefore no person could reasonably expect me to supply liquor for common use or even suffer it to be used about my house, but I hope this would not stand in the way of any commission. Dear Sir Remember the Macedonian cry. plea to try my plan for once and if it does not succeed or even if it does, rather than you should fail I will bind myself to pay one fourth of the expense either myself or my friends and all that can be got through the country shall go towards paying the balance. Permit me sir to subscribe myself your sincere friend and Humble Servant James M Willis

N B I will wait but with anxiety for an answer please to write as soon as you can tell me what to depend on direct to Dillons Post Office Tazewell Cty Illinois JMW

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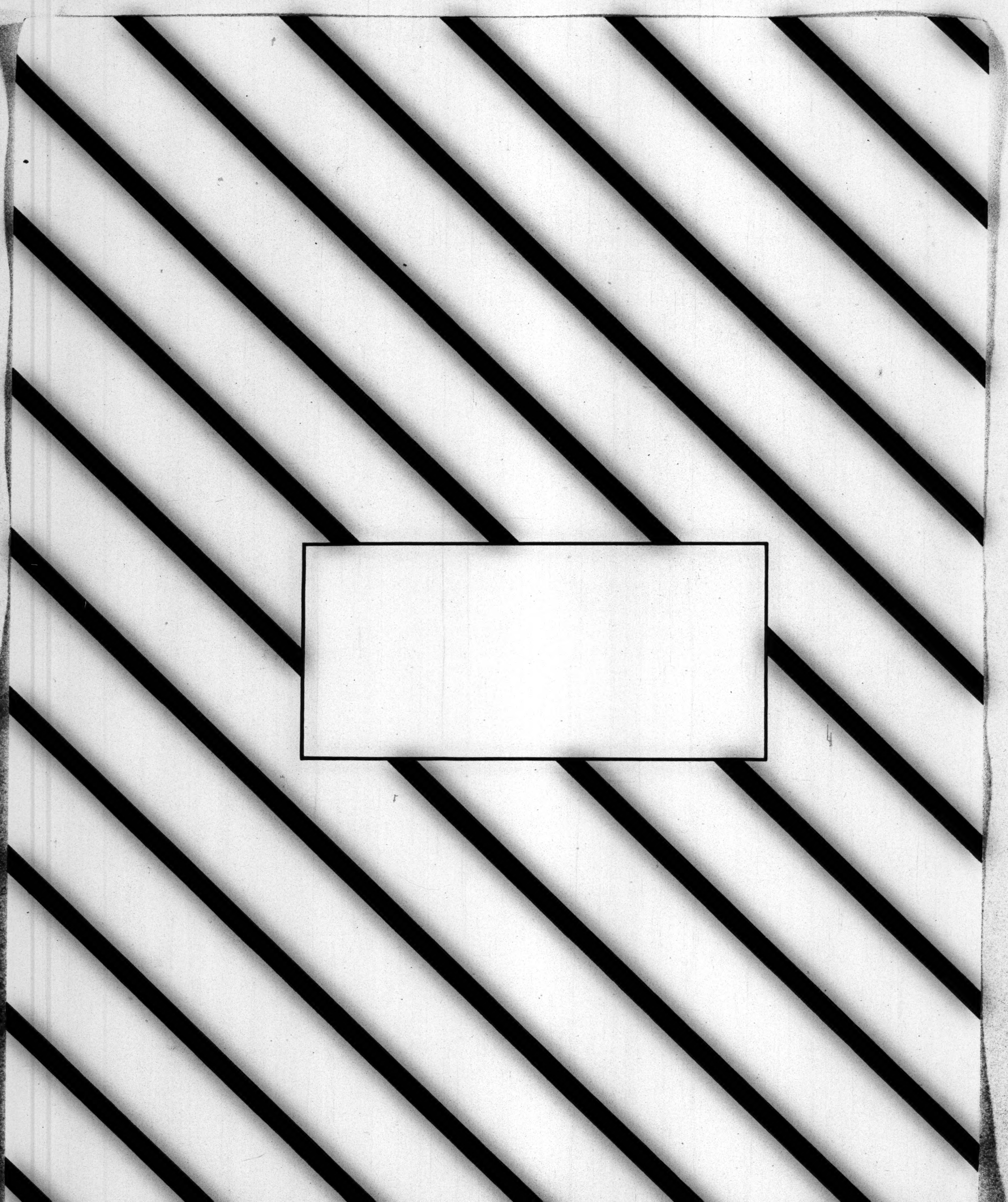

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PAPERS

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SERIES I

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

ILLINOIS

1828

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[redacted] [Bergen] Jersey Prairie Morgan Co. Ill. Nov. [illegible]

[illegible] respected Brethren

With many [illegible] emotions, which cannot be told, I
now address you at the distance of a thousand miles
[redacted] [illegible] from the scenes of my former & loved labours &
[illegible] centre of the Great benevolent operations which are
[illegible] & I trust in you are destined to lay [illegible]
the foundations of the kingdom of our dear Redeemer. Our
journey has been prosperous. From its commencement to its
close, we have had reason only & daily to sing of new mercies &
[illegible] deliverances. We were not detained on any of our travelling
days & there were not less than fifty, more than an hour or
two by sickness, rain, roads, rivers or any other impediment. The
God of Abraham preserved us from perils by day & by night, over
[redacted] mountains & [illegible] & fords, through forests & glens, & many rivers
[illegible] (through dangers seen & unseen by
us he has been our light & shield. We, that is Mrs B[illegible]
& our five children, left the place of our late beloved abode &
retreat from our friends house on the 22nd of September, at
least, a hundred of our former parishioners, to whom, after
having offered up prayer to God & administered baptism to
[illegible] of three infants, we bade an affectionate farewell in
[illegible] When we arrived at Wheeling we found our [illegible] & other
[redacted] [illegible] had arrived before us only a few hours. Here
without delay we consigned them to a house in St Louis
& again committed them & ourselves to the Lord [illegible]
[illegible] my brothers house Nov. 1st
at Rock Spring St. Clair Co. Ill. [illegible] the day before. I had written
[illegible] goods arrived at St Louis
[illegible] a letter to the Rev. Mr Ellis at Jacksonville Morgan Co. which
[illegible] did not receive till after his return from [illegible]. He
[illegible] been informed of my coming [illegible]
[illegible] a letter from [illegible]
Mr Ellis [illegible] Springfield Sangamon [illegible] the very place
[illegible] our duty in the providence of God, [illegible]
[illegible] the first [illegible] of the month [illegible]

house of the Baptist theological Seminary at Rock Spring
The next day I visited Belleville where the governor of the
state lives, the Hon. Ninian Edwards, to whom I bore a
letter of introduction ~~from Dr. Lewis Condict a member of~~
~~Congress from New Jersey~~ &c who received me with all the courtesy
of a gentleman & with sufficient expression of desire & appro-
-bation of the important objects for which I am here to promo-
-te the interests of knowledge & piety for the glory of God & the
salvation of man. I preached in the town & spent the night
in the family of lawyer Coles who, with his wife, is a mem
of the Presbyterian church. They both appear to take a very
lively interest in the redeemer's kingdom. ~~The next morning~~
~~I crossed the Mississippi to St. Louis, & having made ar-~~
~~-rangements for the transportation of my goods to Springfield~~
~~I returned to the house of my brother &~~ The next morning
we set out for Jacksonville, about 100 miles, ~~where~~ at which we
arrived Saturday evening & met a most cordial recep-
-tion in the family of Brother Ellis. Here we took sweet
counsel together, & ~~there~~ our families & hearts were mutually
cheered & comforted & sustained. Having spent the sabbath
with him & preached twice to solemn assemblies, among
whom the enquiry is made by a few for "what shall we do
to be saved," accompanied by Mr. Ellis, I set out for Springfield
where I preached in the evening, & having made arrangements
to obtain a house in the town, I rode about thirty miles
to my family on Friday ~~[illegible]~~ and here new, painful &
trying scenes awaited me. One of our children & [illegible]
I found sick of the fever. The same night I was
taken very sick myself, which however, lasted but two or
three days & did not ~~disqualify~~ prevent me from preaching on
the sabbath twice, ~~once at the Baptist meeting house &~~
~~in the evening at the house of my brother in law~~
~~member of the Cumberland Presb. ch.~~ I now discover the
[illegible] was at hand. ~~The~~ next day my beloved partner who
had, since ~~I have arrived~~ we came on the field of action, been so
greatly instrumental of cheering my occasionally sinking spirits, [illegible]
a fever which has confined her ~~six~~ a number of days, to her bed & ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ to do so long. Dear brother I now know by experience
[illegible] feel more of the privations of our dear [illegible]

Certainty of which I have often read & heard, but never so thoro-
ughly conceived & realized with bowels of sympathy. Far
from medical aid & unable to procure the numberless com-
forts of the east which from their commonness pass unnoticed.
But my brother, the cry was set to our heavenly Father & there
we knew [illegible] that a throne of grace, and a
[illegible] conviction of the wisdom & goodness of the great head
of the church, were ever more precious to us. Afflictions bind
our hearts closer ~~together~~ each other & I think to our heavenly
Father. Altho the pains of my dear partner were very great,
her prospects of getting up appeared distant & if ever perhaps
she would be crippled, & altho she had left all her own be-
-loved relatives in N.E. yet blessed be the name of our
saviour she was uncommonly sustained by his grace, so that
not a murmur or complaint or desire to return escaped
her lips. — Decem. 10. I have detained this letter with a
hope to tell you of her recovery & that we are all in health.
This I am enabled now to do, at least so far that we contemplate
tomorrow to take possession of a house I have rented in Spring-
field. The sabbath after the one of which I have spoken to
I spent with brother Ellis at what is technically called, in
this country, a two days meeting, about 12 miles from Jack-
-sonville. It was the first time I sat down at the table of the
Lord this side the Allegany. Altho the day was cold, the
assembly was large for this country, nor did they separate
till near 4 o'clock; some of the communicants had come
12 & others more than 15 miles. I have visited Springfield
twice & preached both times. I have preached every sabbath &
also thro the week occasionally. ~~Dec. 20.~~ We are now in
Springfield, & once as comfortable in our small house of only
two rooms, as ^we expected to be. We are contented, tho amid
many privations. We have spent two sabbaths here. Next sabbath
we expect to sit down at the table of our Lord to commune with
him & his little flock in this church which is spread over a
large district. In this town & its immediate vicinity not more
distant than three miles there is more than fifteen hundred
inhabitants. But we have no meeting house other than a log sch-
-ool house & almost every thing in the religious line is yet to be
formed. Strong prejudices are to be overcome. Oh what grace,
wisdom, strength, [illegible] patience & perseverance are needed. I
hope [illegible] often [illegible] little [illegible] which is [illegible] for the [illegible]
The assemblies are large, attentive & solemn. Last sabbath [illegible]

[illegible] in the east. [illegible]

[illegible]

Springfield
Decbr [illegible]

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The Revd Abraham [illegible]

City of New York

is the critical moment. If [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of the
people of the place. There is a pretty large commerce [illegible]
come in from 20 & 40 miles around. Let the experiment [illegible]
now making here & at Jacksonville succeed, as I believe it will
[illegible] here to produce most salutary effects on a [illegible]
of an uncommonly rich & inviting country already thickly [illegible]
[illegible] — It cannot fail to be an example of vast importance [illegible]
[illegible] now is the time! — [illegible]
[illegible] I have not received the [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] by a matter of great [illegible]

[BLISS]

Centreville, Wabash Co. Illinois, Oct. 9th 1828.

The Presbyterian church in Wabash Co. Illinois, in presenting a request to the American Home Missionary Society, for aid in support of the Gospel, would lay before the executive committee a concise view of our situation. This church was organized in March 1822 with only five members, for about four years we have enjoyed the ministerial labors of Rev Stephen Bliss a graduate of Middlebury College, a licentiate of Hopkinton Association N.H. he was ordained at Vincennes by Salem Presbytery, he is now a member of the Wabash Presbytery connected with Indiana Synod, Our Church notwithstanding the deaths of two members has gradually increased to seventeen, the support for preaching is raised principally by the members of the church, who are generally in low circumstances, the utmost of our ability to raise by salary would not exceed one hundred & thirty dollars. That our Minister may not be driven to the necessity of involving himself too much in secular concerns & that he may be enabled to fulfil his ordination covenant engagements, to devote himself wholly to the ministry, he needs a salary of three hundred dollars for the support of his family. Our situation is such at present that we cannot unite with any other presbyterian church in the mutual support of a Pastor there being no church sufficiently near. The enjoyment of the stated means of Grace for ourselves, families & Children is an inducement sufficient to call forth every effort which can be made on our part for the support of the Gospel. But in addition to this we deem it of vast importance that this little church should enjoy the fostering care of the friends of evangelical religion, in view of the sectarian prejudices which prevail to a very considerable extent through this part of the country, especially around us — many pernicious errors are propagated congenial to the feelings of the unconverted heart & received while the propagators unite their influence with the infidel and immoral in striving to banish from the country & the world the evangelical doctrines of the Gospel.

we consider foreign aid essential, that we may enjoy the stated means of grace, if not for the existance of the church, yet for the prosperity of Zion in this section of country. We have a tolerably flourishing Bible society in the county, this together with kindred institutions, which are calculated to civilize, moralize and christianize those around depend principally (under the blessing of God) upon the efforts of this little church & society. Should Mr Bliss leave us, as it appears he would be under the necessity of doing, unless, for a time we can obtain assistance for his support, our situation is so unpromising to a stranger, that we have the greatest reason to fear of being & remaing a long time destitute of the stated administrations of the Gospel of grace. Having therefore, learned something of the nature and object of your Society we are encouraged to lay our case before your committee. If your Society think proper to aid us with a small donation in money, the favor will be gratefully acknowledged.

Cyrus Danforth ⎫
Wm. M. Crane ⎬ El
Thomas Goodale ⎭

In support of the above application of the church people of Wabash Church, I would add, that although, the church here is small, yet a view of the importance of its existance, to the cause of Zion in this section of country has influenced me to continue with this people, altho. labouring under many privations — I have been solicited to settle in larger congregations, where I might reasonably expect a more competent support but with whom should I leave these few sheep in the wilderness? Your Missionaries, whom thro benevolence, you send to this western country will settle in those larger congregations.

They present situations more eligible, inviting and encouraging to a stranger than a church situated as this is – Those places in all probability will soon be supplied, whereas, should I leave this people, they will be likely to remain a long time destitute of the stated administration of the gospel. Such has been my situation, since I have been with this people that with diligence & economy, together with the assistance which they have afforded me I have obtained a comfortable support for my family, but such is the change in my family, (owing to sickness) that I apprehend I would not be very useful as a pastor here without a more competent support than the people are at present able to afford — From this view of the subject I have consented that the church should make application for assistance in the manner they have.

Stephen Bliss

Madison Oct. 24th 1828 –

Rev. Mr Peters

Dear Sir,

I am considerably acquainted with Mr Bliss, – I lately saw him at Vincennes – his residence is only about twenty miles from that place, – I took pains to ascertain the state of his congregation. He is worthy of your patronage, & I doubt not the state of his congregation urgently requires assistance. I sincerely hope you will find it in your power to comply with the request of his Elders. – I intend writing you again shortly – The Ind. Mis. Soc. have had their anniversary & assented to your proposals for auxiliaries – Mr Wells is doing much good at the

Albany - also Mr Alexander at Vincennes. Mr Stanley has just arrived - Mr Maynard is about to go - we have three instruments prepared. We wish you would send us 12 or 20 more this fall. There never was a time when the prospects of usefulness were so encouraging in Indiana as at present. Never were the fields so white for the harvest as now. Do you grant a commission to Mr B. Lilly direct to "Centreville, Wabash Co. Illinois." — Yours sincerely - James H. Johnston.

Madison Ia
25 Oct 1828 } -

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A.H.M. Socy
144 Nassau Street
New York

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Recd Nov 5. 1828

El[illegible] Ch. Wabash Co. Ill. —
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Recomd by Rev J.H. Johnston

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[Johnston, James H.]

[Ellis, Rev. J. M.]

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Springfield Sangamo Co, Illinois
Jan 25. 1828 -

Dear Brother

My addreſs to you suggests the satisfaction I felt on seeing your negative answer to the call from Portland. To me it was an expression of your personal interest in the object of the H. H. M. S. Such is the importance of the office of Cor. Sec. to the prosperity of the society, that to find it regarded in a secondary point of view, and subject, consequently, to frequent changes, would, to me, have been a very painful discovery. Its importance cannot be leſs. it may be found infinitely greater to the church than than the office of Sec. of State is to the nation. I am free to hazard the opinion that, in the present condition of the American church, there is no station occupied by an individual, which involves responsibilities so momentous, or that offers a field of usefulneſs so vast, both in awakening its sympathies and in concentrating and directing its resources - at Home - without taking into view its ultimate influence on the moral condition of the world. I am fully persuaded, giving full credit to all that has been done, that nothing effectual is to be expected in regard to the operations of any of the benevolent institutions of the church until the success of the H. H. M. S. is complete. If you consider their origin, and what it is that gives them permanance at the East, you will know what I mean. - And of all this, the history of these institutions at the west exhibits abundant proof -

Sickneſs, for a time has suspended my communications. - If I have not been brought near the grave, I have been called to look steadily into it. It is It is a good thing to stand and look into ones own grave. It is a good position from which to review the past and to examine the purposes & the anticipations of the future. The result on my own feelings has been to make me more more than ever the devoted servant of the church in the West. -

It would be well to send a report of your Society - (& the Observer if you please -) to each of the churches in No. & Ill. especially
Springfield Sangamon Co. Dr John Todd. - Morgan. Dr. Taylor - Greene John Allen Esqr - Bond Wm M. Sewart Esq -

My sickness, which commenced the first week in Sept. ~~It~~ wa
occasioned, I think, by exposure (in a Sund. School. excursion) to the heat of noon — which ought cau
tiously to be avoided in July, Aug. & Sept. — As soon as I was
able I commenced a journey, first to Edwardsville, (Presbytery) then to
Salem. Ind. to attend the Synod. — The Ind. Mis. Soc. held their meeti
the day previous to that of the Synod (Oct. 16.) The excellent spirit,
the judicious efficient conduct exhibited in the proceedin
of this meeting, could not fail to cheer the hopes, & animat
the heart of every friend of the western churches — My ow
experience of their truly christian sympathy, manifested in thei
frequent visits, while I lay sick at Salem, (a severe relapse) ha
left an impression on my heart of their character as very
precious men. —

I should do great injustice to my own feelings [illegible]
mention with lively gratitude, the unremitting attention of skilful
physicians — the more than generous hospitality — the truly fraterna
solicitude of friends — ~~tho the shade of~~ both in Kaskaskia & Sa
lem. — Such kindness, in a land of strangers, has made me
feel that there is for me and for your future mission
aries, "A home in the West." "

I beg you will consider the comparative claims of Il
and Ind. to the aid of your Soc. They have 3 presbyteries, Ill. no
They have more than 20 clergymen of our order; — most of whom are
settled. — We have, I believe, 4 situated at a great distance fro
each other. — (none permanently settled) — They have several bene
volent societies, in successful operation. — We have almost not
ing regular, nothing permanent. — They have several res
pectable schools & academies, & one State Institution, soon
to be a college. In all this we have scarcely made a
beginning. Yet they have 4 or 5 new missionarie
probably more, — & Illinois — one! As there is noth
in the numbers of inhabitants to require so great a differ
should not the greater need of Ill. receive the greater a
until we shall have made a commencement & laid a
foundation at least as good as they now have in Ind.? —

Permit me also to present the comparative claims
of the Slave States & the free States. — The most convin
cing argument in favor of emancipation, is, doubtless, t
greater prosperity of the Free States. — This is felt by all, & ac
knowledged by all. — To make this superiority, then, of th
free, over the Slave States the most conspicuous, is
push home most effectively, this argument. — Where
then will the church apply her moral means most advantageou
If the fact that most of the means of your Society are derived from the free S
should not be thought sufficient to require such a course, still m
it not deserve inquiry, whether the greater probability of the pr
immediate & ~~more~~ decided success ought not to secure the cl
of the free States to particular attention. — That there is clearly such
probability is, perhaps, admitted, or will be so, when it is considered, that

~~that~~ the character & condition of Slave States improves but *slowly*, if at all.— While the free States advance with a rapidity ~~that~~ that surprises ourselves.— So great are the difficulties to be overcome by the missionary.— the pride & aristocratical spirit incidental to Slavery.— Slavery itself,—in the scriptures *Oppression*—and under the curse of God (Is. Chap. 1—) To ~~be~~ be *useful*, the missionary must be *popular*; In order to be popular, he must *appear* at least to connive at Slavery.— Thus the gospel is humbled, and looses half its power. Besides, the abominable vices always attendant on Slavery;—gloried in by some, & proclaimed to the very heavens in "*every shade of colours*" that it is but too horably common.— The serious inquiry then is, What probability remains that the gospel will take effect while such enormities are practiced?— And what probability is there that they *will cease*, where ever *Slavery exists*? You would not think of exhausting the energies of a missionary in a *Slave ship*—but you would regard with far other hopes the merchantman engaged in honorable commerce.— In the slave States *Something* indeed can & must be done, to keep the ship from sinking.— But the new free States are before you as lively materials to be moulded by the plastic hand of Patriotic and Christian benevolence.— Let this be done, and soon you will regard the new free States in the same class with the old, as possessing the moral strength of the nation, and the resources for the conversion of the world.—

I may be thought to have stated the subject too strongly. I am fully aware that the views given in this & perhaps some other letters, be but partial; yet I hope they will not be entirely useless. Are the result at least of deep conviction, not mine, but others!— And I will venture again to bring the comparison more particularly with respect to Ill. and Mo.— Ohio & Kentucky side by side exhibit vividly the subject refered too above. But Mo. possesses a temporary advantage over this State, Mo. has imported wealth i.e. Slaves.— This gives her consequence, i.e. an aristocratical pride which she is rarely unwilling to display.— and her statistical reports exhibit an advantage over Illinois which *appears real*, and the very boast is that these are the good effects of Slavery.— If there should be a preference shown by your Society to Mo. (from any representation *whatever*) ~~which~~ might appear invidious,— it ~~would~~ be a misfortune perhaps much greater than would at first appear.— Illinois has had the virtue to subject herself to this temporary inconvenience for *principle* & she sustained herself nobly in the ~~conflict~~ the conflict of which was dreadful, but triumphant.— Do not underrate Illinois. it is a land of promise to the church.— Not so Missouri.—

I have felt myself justified in declining a solicitation to go to Vincennes Ind. (The Rev. Mr Scott having recently joined Mr Giddings I trust in the world of *rest*—) from a conviction of the truth of what I have stated ~~above~~ of Ind. & Illinois.—

In regard to your missionaries their future course &c in Illinois a particular statement cannot at this moment be made, only the prospects are good. — In a few months, perhaps weeks, you will expect something more definite, Now, it is impossible. I have been fulfiling a tour in the upper counties, while Mr Hardy has been preaching with great acceptance at Kaskaskia. I formed a church in Sangamo. (Springfield,) with good prospects. — Of the interest of those upper counties, Green, Morgan, Sangamo &c — the half has not been told you. — Morgan exhibits the fairest features on the whole face of Nature that I have ever witnessed — and I saw it only amidst the desolation of winter.

In regard to the extent to which I must rely on the resources of your Soc. I can only say that I shall be able to succeed without adding to the $400 as in the first year — receiving probably about one half from the people here. I find it impossible to keep accounts with the society as definitely as you may probably expect. — Such is the delay of collections — And I can only

Rev. J. M. Ellis
[redacted] D, Ill. Jan 25 1828 —
Superior Claims of Illinois over Missouri & Indiana. Has organized a Ch. in Springfield
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say that I hope your Committee will be satisfied when we do the best we can — you will probably find it impossible to have regular quarterly returns. I shall expect, as a thing of course, to act on your commission as at first — I

I remain with unabated
confidence & devotion
your Missiony
J. M. Ellis

Rev. A. Peters. Cor. Sec. &c.

[ELLIS]

~~Washington April 1, 1828~~

Rev. and Dear Sir,

On my return from Indiana, (account given in my last) being in an enfeebled state of health, and of course unable to engage at once in the laborious ~~duties~~ of the pastoral office, it was particularly convenient that brother Henry should remain at Vas- agreeable to the suggestion of the committee, ~~and~~ while I might make a tour through the upper counties of the State, with the purposes of ascertaining how the best interest of the Society could be promoted, and at the same time, with the hope that the journey might be the means of reestablishing my health.

of Jan. — Preached at Edwardsville, in which the presbyterian church is nearly at a stand. Mr. Lippincott, an active intelligent & pious Elder is very [illegible], the want of a pastor is exceedingly obvious [illegible] at present can be done for support. —

Jan 6 ~~Carrollton~~ Green County. This is one of the three most important counties in the State — in population & in geographical situation, a few presbyterians &c. perhaps all in a church, — weak and feeble and faint. — Intemperance is prevalent. ~~prevails among the people, and has an amazing influence in elections and all other publick transactions.~~ Bible Society, Tract Society, Sunday Schools &c. will soon be extinct, unless a missionary, a faithful, humble, & active missionary is sent to be with them. — I told the people of our Society, and its object, and gave them what encouragement I could. — And this revived their drooping spirits a little; but, they must have something more. ~~or things are hopeless~~ * ~~They ought [illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~ The people are poor, & the people should be preached to on Sabbath & week days &c.

13 Jan. Preached in Jacksonville ~~Sabbath~~ in Greene; — Morgan is an interesting ~~one of the best~~ county ~~in the State~~ there is a little church in it, trying to do what they can, and with good prospects. Were deeply interested

to learn the object of your society. And will, I doubt not become anxious to ~~its~~ with the design of cooperating with you in building up the walls of Zion —

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20. Springfield Sangamon Co.; — audiences full and attentive. When I enquired whether any presbyterian church existed here none could tell me. — During the two weeks spent here however, a church of about 20 members was formed to which additions have since been made. The time spent this place was highly interesting. — The deep feeling of satisfaction And the pleasant hope that appeared in the church, now gathered ~~out~~ from their dispersion as sheep that had no shepherd, — the recollection of former years when they dwelt near the ark of God — And now, that a table is spread for them in the wilderness — it was a day of rejoicing & hope. I had traveled from 2 to 18 miles, into different settlements, finding one here and another there — & am still heard of others who lived too insulated from the town to receive timely intelligence. A venerable lady, the wi[illegible] of Dr. John Smith, former President of Hampden & Sydney College, was present at the formation of the church. — ~~She is [illegible] to the distinction of a Mother in Israel~~. — "When I came to Waverville," said she, "10 years ago, no professor of religion that I could find, lived in the place; — & for 18 months no sermon was preach there. — I lived to see a church formed of 9 members. — & increase to 30; & blessed God for the sight. — I came to Springfield a few months since & could not learn whether any presbyterian church were in the place or not. — It was a dark day; — And now to see the sun breaking thro' the cloud all at once, is almost too much to realize —". In the course of the conversation she remarked that of all the trials of since she came to this western country, none were to be compared with living without a pastor in the church.

For myself I can say that I have rarely felt so rich a degree of satisfaction than that experienced with these people of God at the time of forming that little church. It has cheered the gloom of many an hour when riding across the prairies during this winter of unparalleled rains. In passing from Springfield to Hillsboro' Montgomery Co. I swam two creeks with my horse, in the winter season. But this should be no terror to the missionary coming from the East, This and all other like trials and exposures to which ~~he~~ he may be subjected, occasionally, are no more ~~than~~

~~then~~ ~~will~~ Lawyers & judges & ~~old men~~ of business are equally exposed to; and if he cannot do as much for the souls of men how can he be called a missionary of the cross? It will be a satisfaction however to know that these, and all similar hardships arising from the new state of the country are fast decreasing, as the roads & bridges are improved & the settlements increase in population. — Montgomery is a new county, but its prospects are good.

~~Mr [illegible] a young gentleman from Mas. has been successful as a lawyer. And is decidedly engaged to advance the interests of the church in building a meeting house for supporting the gospel. —~~

On returning to Kaskaskia, was highly gratified to find ~~[illegible]~~ Brother [illegible] had preached with acceptance to the people there. ~~Brother [illegible] has gone to Bond Co. where his prospect of usefulness is encouraging.~~ Our last communion season in Kaskaskia was an interesting occasion. Two were added to the church on profession. I would have had no communion without the addition of one or more, I trust, of such as will be saved. — From March 9th to 16th, on my way to presbytery at St Louis, held two days meeting with ~~[illegible]~~ the destitute church at Shoal Creek & Collinsville, administered the sacrament in each place & formed a church in Montgomery County. (Hillsboro. —) In all these places there are circumstances of hope. — But Sir you know what must be the state of churches without pastors. — sheep without a shepherd — These occasional visits can ~~[illegible]~~ a little strengthen the things that remain & which ~~without them~~ would perhaps entirely perish ~~without the~~. What shall we say, dear brethren, to the ~~[illegible]~~ voice of many ~~[illegible]~~ Christians who have been weeping in secret places over the desolations of Zion & praying that we would come over and help them, & form them into a church; shall we do it — & leave them still without a pastor, again to crumble away and perish. — or shall we ~~[illegible]~~ them — or can we tell them that they may ex-

~~Respect~~ aid. — ~~Brethren~~ What shall we ~~tell them~~ brethren, these bone of our bone & flesh of our flesh, who have none to break to them the bread of life — but few ~~young other churches~~? —

But brethren, sincere humble, persevering pious men, ~~a they will do but instead of good~~ — men of apostolic spirit in self-denying labors and sufferings ~~[illegible] will do no good but will not fail to bring this [illegible] along and upon the whole cause of christian effort for all time~~

My health is still feeble; & I am endeavoring to get means in any manner to return &c. — I cannot think of leaving this field. — My present feeling is, that so much needs to be done at this time in this state that were the period of my ministry to be 10 years by retiring, & to be diminished one half by remaining [illegible] of sustaining, still spend that short term of years in Illinois. —

It is with the greatest reluctance that I recur to the subject of support — I should never do it but from necessity. — [illegible] live of the gospel, without foreign aid, for the present in this country. —

Rev. John M. Ellis Kaskaskia Ill. — April 7 — 1828 — Report of labor — Notices of Sunday Churches — of Mr Bailey &c. Requests $100 sent to Mark Newman ~~Jacksonville~~ Andover Mass

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[Ellis, Rev. John]

Will you please to ~~allow~~ a draft placed to my account ~~and~~ send it to Dea. Mark Newman Andover Massachusetts — of one hundred dollars —

your last, probably, is received. — I am fully aware that some of my communications have been informal, & there are particular differences in statement according to forms especially if required to make statements by anticipating. — The letter to which you particularly refer was written during my [illegible] [illegible]. It was on this account that [illegible] not attend to —

Yours in the [illegible] & suffering of the Gospel, John M. Ellis

[Ellis, Rev. John]

Jacksonville Morgan Co. Illinois.
July 3d 1828.

Rev. & Dear Brother,

Professor Alexander's Address in the first number of the Missionary contains the following sentence. "The personal difficulties, privations & dangers of Home Missionaries are often greater than those of the men who go to the East." This sir is [redacted] of the eye of the common observer — and probably in the history of more than one missionary. — "I have worn out myself," said a dear brother to me the other day, "I have worn out myself in the missionary services. — and now I have not the means of taking a journey, the only way that remains of restoring my health, — and indeed scarcely of procuring for myself the comforts of life as I sink into the grave and leave my family — none knows to whose care except ~~that~~ there is a God of the widow and the fatherless. — Since I have been in St. C. I had once for [redacted] considerable time nothing to eat but milk. I went to the store for necessary food, and was refused because I had not money to pay for it. I returned to my destitute family — you may imagine with what feelings. None knew of our distress but those who felt it. It was in November. The cold wind found a ready entrance to our cabin; and we had no wood. I procured a spade with a view of [redacted] edying the evil as well as I could by throwing up bank around the house. I had scarcely dug into the earth ~~about~~ foot, when to my surprize I threw up a silver dollar which had long been buried beneath the surface. The goodness of God filled my heart, and I must say I wept plentifully at the sight of it. I could not help it. This served to furnish us with a ~~little~~ wood and a few necessaries. — But I could not have remained in St. Charles had it not been for the kindness of my brother-in-law Mr. L. You are almost the only person to whom I have ever mentioned these things, and I have no wish that they should become generally known."

in a short time will und enough to reque ed of the N. York O. to be di this place. — I shall b [redacted]
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If this simple narrative affects you as it did me I shall not be required to make any apology for inserting it.— At all events it appears to me the fact as it is should be in your possession, tho' you may not think it best to give it publication, at least not in such a way as that the particular individual concerned should be in view.— I hope there are not and will not be many such illustrations of Dr. H's remark— the book of eternity will disclose— Surely we need your prayers—

You will doubtless recollect, in a former letter I observed that to state definitely the future course of your missionaries in Illinois was then impossible, only that the prospect was good— the last remark is fully verified.— I am now ~~[illegible]~~ as permanently ~~situated~~ & as pleasantly situated ~~in~~ Jacksonville as the circumstances of the West can admit of—

The reasons of my leaving Kaskaskia, will, I trust when stated be more than satisfactory to the committee altho' my Commission received, mentions, that place as the particular field of my labors—

The first reason I shall mention is the absolute necessity of the measure, on account of my health, which was so feeble that to prepare anew every week for the pulpit, was impossible,— but by traveling, and by locating in another place, the labors of two years past might be rendered ~~[illegible]~~ available to relieve the labor of severe study— Had I not taken this course I could scarcely have been useful as a preacher, at least for many months— But I now lose no time or comparatively little— Few things can be more painful than the idea of loosing time in this interesting field—

Another reason is the expectation of building up a church and Congregation in Kaskia, ~~can not be realized~~ so as to be sustained without foreign aid must be relinquished, at least, I am persuaded for many years So more or less of all the little old French towns except St. Louis. for now since the ~~state~~ county ~~has~~ been properly explored other towns more eligibly situated ~~have~~ springing up & are supplanting them, so that they are "going down"—

~~All that can be done at Kaskaskia for the present, is to keep alive the few things that remain, and to endeavor to recover here and there one from the moving families as they remain in the place a few months or years & then pass to other parts of the country, as one would stand upon the bank of the river to save what he could of ~~the~~ a wreck which was floating swiftly down the current. Mr. Matthews is now preaching & teaching at Kaskias~~

~~The last reason I shall mention, or I presume need to mention for coming to Jacksonville, is the advice & approval of all clergymen, and all others interested in your mission, whose advice you ~~would~~ value.~~ — The loud call and

10 — encouraging promise from these upper counties, which are white already for the harvest, I am fully persuaded, should not be neglected any longer. The ~~church~~ church in Jacksonville, on last Lord's day, received an accession ~~to the Church~~ equal to the whole number of members, making the number now 28. Others were expecting to come forward but were prevented by the unfavorable weather. — Four were received on their profession of faith, the rest from other churches. — The drooping spirits of the church have revived as the parched fields after refreshing showers. ~~[illegible]~~ There seems to be a rich blessing in store for this section of ~~the~~ the state, if we can obtain laborers. —

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I have suggested to you the importance of these upper counties as a field of missionary labor of great promise. Sangamon, ~~population~~ Morgan ~~and~~ & Greene Counties, population ~~[illegible]~~ 25,000, are taking the lead in this state. They are populating with unexampled rapidity, — having doubled their inhabitants within the last three years. The surrounding counties, Adams, Schuyler, ~~Fulton~~, Tazewell, & Pike, of which Morgan Co. forms nearly the geographical centre, already make up the population to be about 30.000 — This is that part of Illinois, which now is, & from all appearance is destined to be the the most populous & wealthy. It is even proverbial that it possesses a rare combination of beauty of prospect, richness of soil, & salubrity of climate. A spirit of industry & enterprise are found in these counties, not to be found in

~~this state~~ elsewhere, now in Missouri. Many English ers. & many, from N. England & N.Y. are effecti happy state of agricultural improvement. — No county can exceed this for a farming ~~County~~. — Common crops of Corn yield from 50 to 75 bushels per acre, — wheat of the best quality also, — average pr. acre, about, 25 bushels, — 35, not uncommon — Through this flourishing county, flows the Illinois river, admitted to be ~~without~~ a rival, in beauty & excellence of navigation. — The market on the Illinois river was opened the present year by steam; & only 10 steam boats have already visited the [illegible] gan landing, since the Spring, & more are expected — I have said, the ~~[illegible]~~ field here is white, ready for the harvest, a prospect of our mission good very good if we can obtain [illegible] I have been solicited with great earnestness to settle in Greene Co. and also at Sangamo Co. before I settled here, which I am fully satisfied ~~it~~ was my duty, and I am confident you will think so too

Rev. John M. Ellis Jackson-
ville, Ill. July 30. 1828. Has
removed from Kaskaskia to Jack
sonville — reasons for this — Con-
cerning Rev. C. S. Robinson's health
& circumstances. Prospects of
~~Jacksonville Ill.~~
Illinois — clergymen needed in
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ties, until the A.H.M.S. [illegible] necessity. Has we a
men in [illegible] & [illegible] than speculation
to successfully [illegible] at once. [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~ principal counties [illegible] six missionaries
be employed to the [illegible] accountable ~~[illegible]~~
not stay, we must have them [illegible] ?
why crossed out?

You have probably heard from Springfield (Sang. Co.) & heard the cry of the new church formed there, for a pastor. — God ~~[illegible]~~ grant they ~~not~~ may not cry in vain. — Think of the population of these three counties, in the midst of whom I am settled, — 25,000! — and many are from New England. — many of the ~~this~~ church at Jacksonville are from ~~[illegible]~~ the eastern states. — Think of the population of Sang. Co. 10,000. — & the church exerting every energy to build a meetinghouse of brick — encouraged by the $100 paid from Boston (Mr. H. ~~[illegible]~~) and will you not send us missionaries? — I have said, in a previous letter that little or nothing can be realised as to the success of benevolent soci

To be set last

~~Lewistown Sept 17th~~

Lewistown Fulton Cy Illinois
Sept 17th 1838

~~Rev & Dear Sir,~~

~~Will you permit a few of those who have so long been the objects earnest solicitude & christian sympathy of the Society of which you are the Cor. Sec. to address you on a subject which lays so near the hearts of the ~~friends~~ of the Home Missionary Society~~

We have recently been visited by one of the faithful Missionaries of your society, the Rev. J. M. Ellis, who seemed to come to us in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of ~~[illegible]~~ Christ. It was indeed a joyful visitation, & we trust we see ~~[illegible]~~ the providence of the great Head of the Church in it. He was instrumental in gathering a few of the wandering sheep of Israel & of constituting them into a church.

After prayerful deliberation & counsel, in session, the undersigned, Elders of ~~the~~ said Church, have felt it a solemn & imperious duty, to write you without delay, & to let you know our true situation, ~~as~~ ~~[illegible]~~. There is no Presbyterian Preacher nearer than Jacksonville, ~~[illegible]~~ being about twenty miles distant from this place. We feel as sheep without a shepherd. Our prayer to you is the macedonian cry — come over & help us.

The other counties of the military tract, particularly Schuyler, Adams, Pike, & ~~[illegible]~~ present an inviting field to ~~the~~ devoted missionaries of the cross. They contain a promising population ~~[illegible]~~ & Presbyterians are ~~[illegible]~~ interspersed through ~~[illegible]~~ We believe never was these Counties pressed by the feet of either a Presbyterian or Congregationalist Preacher. From the best information to be relied on we believe there are Presbyterians enough to constitute a church in each of these counties.

We would invite the prayerful attention of the H. M. Society
to ~~this~~ section of the State, laying between the Illinois & Mississippi,
denominated the Military Tract. This tract as far as 41°
North is surveyed & layed off in Counties, six of which are organized
and have held courts of Justice, we believe, several years. They are
Peoria, Fulton, Schuyler, Calhoun, Pike & Adams. These coun
ties gave at the [illegible] election in August 794 votes & considering
the numbers who are [illegible] go to the Lead mines at Fever River
in the spring & return in the fall the voters number 1000 at least. & it is
estimated that there is 5 souls to a voter making the present
population is estimated at 6 000. ~~The population~~ which at a very safe calculation,
will double triennially. It should be observed that this amount
does not include other Military county rapidly settling, nor
the 10.000 at Fever river & its vicinity. This County has been
been visited by your preached the others we believe have not

As our communication with other sections of the state is
extremely difficult, & even dangerous, a considerable portion
of the year, on account of ~~[illegible]~~ bad ferries & overflowing
of the banks of the Illinois & its principal tributaries.
We think the Military Tract has claims to urge on your
benevolence, which no other part of this State can urge
with equal force. We think that two preachers might
be as usefully employed here as in any other destitute section
of Country within our knowledge. We believe they should itinerate
for several reasons. Churches are to be formed, sabbath schools,
Tract & Bible Societies to be built up. The destitute settlements
should be statedly visited. ~~[illegible]~~ Suffer us to assure you that your
missionaries must precede the formation of these societies.
Prejudices are to be removed, the slumbering spirit of the people
must be aroused & excited to action, & christians should be
taught to feel & to practice their duty to the rising generation, to the
the precious souls around them, & to their God.
In large populous counties Sangamo, Morgan, Green, or Madison
it might be best to locate. but the proportion of Ministers
is so small compared to the numbers of Evangelical Churches
& the ability of these churches at present disproportionate to the
support a Gospel Minister ought to receive. We think it an imper-
ative duty that your preachers should itinerate. One must supply
three or four churches or they will famish for the word of life
we indulge the hope that in mercy the great head of the
church will send us more [illegible] & we trust the churches
will be able & willing after a year or two to support their preachers
in most instances. We will venture to assure you that we
will endeavour to draw as sparingly on your funds as
possible.

We would remark that we have some hopes of receiving the Labours of a pious young man whom we expect will be licensed to preach at Presbytery next month. altho this is uncertain as we have recd, no encouragement from him. If he should come two Missionaries are still indispensably necessary on the military tract.

Another subject we also deeply feel the importance of. It is the establishing of a seminary of learning having a Theological Department connected with it. You may have already been apprised that such an enterprize is in contemplation here & a considerable amount of funds are subscribed but we want more aid. we fear that we may trespass on the liberality of our Christian Brethren at the East. & will only observe for the present ~~that~~ that we do not know nor can can our reason to contemplate a more direct method to give the gospel to this vast Country than by creating a fountain of this kind in the midst of us.

We are directed to express the thanks of this church to ~~to~~ the donors of your benevolent society. But to ~~attempt to~~ express our feelings would be impossible. ~~Could~~ our benefactors ~~the donors of your~~ visit the churches, that have sprung into existence by the instrumentality of your Missionaries here, & witness their tears of joy, their songs of thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church, for having put it into their hearts to visit these ends of the earth, they might then conceive that the great day alone, when all these events shall be unfolded to the view of the universe, can reveal the good produced by their charities.

Mr Ellis & ~~Brother~~ Mr Hardy appear deeply devoted to the work, & we think they will answer the expectations of the society that sent them.

We request you to write us as soon as practicable & let us know what our prospect is in regard to receiving Missionary aid & labor from your society

communications may be made to Nathan Jones P.M. Canton Fulton Co Ill

We pray you receive our christian salutations & believe yours in Christ

Nathan Jones
William Proctor
Elders

Fulton Presbyterian Church

Rev Absalom Peters Cor Sec
of H M Society

I expect to attend the organising a New Presbytery ...
Where we have a young man in Yale to be licensed at the ...
and Church consist of only 9 members, we feel deeply the
importance of having a Missionary located in the [illegible]
of the Country, we contemplate forming a State Auxiliary
to the American Home Soc. [illegible] I received 2 Numbers of
the Home Missionary for which accept my thanks

Nathan Jones

[Jones, Nathan]

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... of the Presb. Ch.
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formed there by Mr Ellis -
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Rev Absalom Peters Cor Sec of
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[Ellis, Rev. John]
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~~Jacksonville Sept. 25. 1828~~
~~Morgan Co. Illinois~~

My Dear Brother,

I think I mentioned in my last the addition to our church on the last sabbath in July, of 14 members, present number 29. Since that time our prospects ~~have~~ been increasingly encouraging. I mentioned also ~~I think~~ that the church in Jacksonville was engaged in building a parsonage house, on account of the very high rent occasioned by the rapid growth of the place. The church, I believe, is perfectly unanymous ~~[illegible]~~ in all ~~the~~ its proceedings. Nothing desirable can exceed the ~~kind~~ attention paid to me & my family.

~~The manner in which the wants of my family are attended ~~to~~ is one as happily devised perhaps as any other. It is well suited to the circumstances of the western country, and certainly very convenient to me. It is the following. When ever anything from the market is required, we have only to send an order to the steward i.e. ~~one~~ of the ~~members~~ brethren of the church, each acting in that capacity for a month at a time in rotation; and when the article is received we simply give a receipt for it, & have no other trouble. This receipt is placed at the end of the year to the credit of ~~that~~ subscriber who furnished the article.~~

If you enquire what amount is engaged & what the prospects for the future, I can only say, that the sum engaged, for my support, is $450.— [illegible] — ~~the~~ principally in producing. ~~[illegible]~~ — ~~A small part [illegible] society be~~ ~~call on your society~~ I have strong Confidence, that it will not be long, if the Lord succeed his work, as there now seems reason to believe, before your society will be relieved. — Now certainly the people seem ready to do every thing ~~that~~ Could reasonably be desired. Building the house is a heavy burden, with all their other pressing business, where every thing is to be begun anew.

In the engagement made with the people, I have reserved one Sabbath in four, to preach occasionally in ~~Jacksonville~~ other parts of the County ~~and to visit the~~ Churches in the neighboring Counties ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~not to be spent in Jacksonville~~

In compliance with repeated solicitation, I went on the 8th. Sept, to Canton Fulton Co. — ~~Canton~~ (75 miles N.W. of Springfield —) and returned in 17 days — During which time I rode in all, going & returning, 234 miles — preach 13 sermons — 5 in Fulton, 8 in Sangamo, — Constituted a church in Fulton, of 17 members (several absent on business who will join the next opportunity) — administered the Sacrament, three times, twice in Fulton Co. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~in~~ Canton, ~~2d~~ & Lewiston, the county seat. ~~and~~ once in Sangamo Co. — ~~I~~ Baptised — 6 adults & 2 children (Seven were added to the Church in Sangamo) — and attended six prayer meetings —

Never have I felt my hands more effectually sustained by prayer, — and never has the prospect, could we have the aid desired, appeared so encouraging as now. — Since Jan. I have received to our communion in the different Churches, more than 60 members — The empity ~~too~~ to obtain ~~a~~ preachers of our denomination is ~~a~~ expressed in language of the most earnest entreaty. In Fulton Co. two men are ready to engage $50 each for the first year. ~~I understand however that I should have written to you from these counties.~~ Fulton Co is a very desirable place, both for health & for various other advantages for new settlers. Half the people are from New England & New York. The health of the county is certainly excellent, & it ~~is~~ is destined in a few years to stand among the first in the State. At least 5 or 6 missionaries are imperiously needed in Illinois.

A seminary of learning is projected, to go into operation next fall. The subscription now stands at between $2000 & $3000. The site is selected in this county, Morgan, & the selection made with considerable deliberation, by a committee appointed for that purpose, & is one in which the public sentiment perfectly coincides.

The half quarter section ~~[illegible]~~ purchased for the site is certainly the most delightful spot I have ever seen. It is about one mile north of ~~the~~ the celebrated Diamond Grove, at the east end of Wilson Grove on an eminence overlooking the town & country for several miles around.

The object of the seminary is popular, and it is my deliberate opinion that there never was in our county, a more promising opportunity for any who desire it, to bestow a few thousand dollars in the cause of education, & of missions ~~in building meeting houses &c~~. The posture of things now is such as to show to all the intelligent people the good effects of your Society.

and to secure their cooperation in a happy degree in all the great benevolent objects of the day — if such aid cannot be afforded — in the objects above mentioned — you need not be told that little [illegible] the expected in aid of these objects — by such as are under the influence of the New York Christian Advocate.

What can be done should be done quickly —

Rev. J. M. Ellis, Jacksonville, Morgan Co. Il.
Sept 25. 1828 — Report of labor
Prospects in J. encouraging —
kindness of the people — excursion
to Fulton Co. Ch. form.d in Canton
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Seminary in Illinois — $50
to be p.d J. Leavitt

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A.H.M.S.
No. 144 Nassau St.
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Yours mentioning the $12.75 paid to Ed. National Preacher has been received. —

Will you please pay to Mr. Jona. Leavitt 182 Broadway — $50 — on my account &c

Yours &c Br — John M Ellis —

[Ellis, Rev John]

Jacksonville Dec. 18 1828 —

Rev. and Dear Sir,

I am reminded that the end of my last quarter is at hand.— I observe too that it is near the date of my last commission.— Being in the good providence of God more permanently settled, I hope to be able to conform regularly to your required dates, in my State reports,— This has been delayed longer than should have been done but for the reason given hereafter —

The whole amount of of my receipts from your society, during the three years of my labors in this field, (if my account be correct) is —

$657 from which

deduct. $150 — outfit. and the

remaining 3/507 — divided gives.

$169 pr. year —

The precise amount received from the people it is difficult if not impossible to say —

I have done my best in estimating the amt received in Kaskaskia & St. Genevieve — for 1826 & 1827 — which is St Gen. for 1826 $90.87 — (after which period nothing was received —) Kaskas — for 1826 $196"

and for 1827 $117" = 403" 87 which for the two years, 26 & 27 — is $201" 93. per year — To this add the $169 recd from AHMS — 169"

$370" 93 per year for 1826 & 1827 —

It remains that for 1828 but $169 175 has been received from your Society — and perhaps for the six months of my residence in Jacksonville, about $70 or $75 more = to $244 for 1828.

In my last for 1827 was a statement, exhibiting the receipt for 1826 and the prospect for 1827. It was mentioned that $200 or more was pledged by several gentleman in Kaskas for that year — the report now exhibits but $117 for 1827. I do not expect more. Col. Mather in explaining this to me said, that, (Mr Baker a young lawyer & a member of our church and who has been the principal agent in procuring subscriptions, and who paid $20 for the first year) — had used his name without his consent, in his absence, but yet he considered himself bound in honor either to pay the money or to give you such a statement of the case as that I should not suffer by the failure of the subscription.

When you consider this failure — and the ~~fact~~ unavoidable expenses of sickness, — in the instance of relapse more than 200 miles from home — & the requisite expenses of travelling during the last winter — & in addition the small amount to be expected the present year (1828) from the people here; you will probably perceive ~~that~~, the specified sum $175 in my Commission dated Jan. 1 1828 is too low.

I have now a family dear to me as my own life; and while it ever has been and ~~I~~ must ever will be my strong desire to reduce the expenses of your most important work — yet I am strictly orthodox as to the evangelical doctrine "that the workman is worthy of his hire" — Having also been so much over the State of Illinois, I have a very extensive acquaintance. From this circumstance & from the central situation of Jacksonville, I receive much company. — nor is th able for it greatly increases my opportunities of obtaining & imparting information, — and other modes of usefulness — These considerations I trust will have weight —

I hope the committee will see it right — to add the $175 = $150, — $50 — to be sent by draft — Messrs. Crocker & Brewster, Booksellers, No 50 Cornhill Boston — By these gentlemen I have been furnished with books on commission — 19 setts of Scott's Bible have circulated in Ill. & Mo. In this way, with other religious books —— Also, $50 — to Rev. Chas. B. Haddock, Prof. Dart. Coll. — and the remaining $50 — to Dea. Mark Newman Bookseller. Andover Mass —

What will be requisite of 1829 I can certainly say; only that there is far greater ground for confidence in the engagement here with the people than at Kaskaskia — ~~that the~~ present engagement for $150, will doubtless be exceeded — perhaps by $25, & possibly more, but I should not think it prudent to state it over $25. ~~$$$~~

~~$ $ $~~ Should any thing further be received from Kas. it will of course, on reception be deducted, but having already suffered considerable for the delay of a whole year, it cannot be expected that I suffer more —

Every thing goes on well. The church increases with every commu[redacted] Present number 34 — 3 or 4 others will join next communion — To morrow we expect to move into the parsonage house, before mentioned. It is a comfortable frame building with 3 very convenient rooms.

I rejoice to say that our hearts have been refreshed by the coming of Brother Bergen — As yet our expectations have been more than realized — Yours of Oct 29 has been received —

I am happy to be able to ~~be~~ ~~say that~~ Mr. Thos. Lippincott — a licentiate in our Presbytery, offers his services to your Society, and desires to receive a commission for one year to labor in Illinois, probably in [illegible] about Madison Co. particularly Edwardsville Collinsville, & the Marine Settlements — He will require the full salary of $400 deducting what may be rec[redacted] from the people — He has a family — but will preach the whole time. With Mr L. you are probably already acquainted as editor of the "Edwardsville Spectator" — He is a man in whom we have great hopes. — I join most [illegible]tily in reco[redacted]ding him and hope a commission will be sent without delay — He is now in the field. — And his [redacted]stances do not [redacted] of his labours without [redacted]ation. —

Rev. A. P[redacted]eters, Yours &c J. Ellis

Jacksonville Ill
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Rev. Absalo[redacted]
Cor. Sec. A
No. 144 St.
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Rev. J. M. Ellis —
Dec. 18 1828

That Thomas Ferguson was brought up under the ministry of this congregation, manifested as much religion as attendance on public worship is supposed to do, and may for any thing remembered to the contrary, be admitted to any ordinance of the church, is certified by

David Maxwell

Newmond

Apl. 14th 1776.

Rev. John

[ELLIS]

To the Cor. Sec. of the A.H.M.S — Rev. A. Peters,

Dear Sir,

From the difficulty you have found in procuring labors for this interesting field, you will rejoice to learn that the Lord of the harvest is sending them from and unexpected quarter. I am happy in recommending the Rev. Thomas A. Spilman, brother of Rev Mr. Spilman already in your service, to the patronage of your society. Bother S— is a member of our Presbytery form'd by the last Synod — God has inclined him to devote his life in the work of the ministy in this State. — Although I am not informed of the amount of aid to be furnish by the Churches where he intends to preach yet, yet from personal acquaintance, I have not doubt that all will be done that is reasonably to be expected. — & I have also the fullest confidence that the exclusive labors of a missionary will soon be, if not now, imperiously demand. — in Montgomery County This, at least, in another year.

Yours in the Lord

John M. El

Dec. 20. 1828 —

[Hardy Rev. Solomon]

Shoal Creek near Greenville Bond Co Ill. March 13th 1828

Rev and Dear Sir

I left St Louis for Illinois on the 19th of Nov 1827 and from that time I date the commencement of my Missionary labours in this country. Between that time and the 19th of ~~March~~ Feb 1828, when the first qaurter of my labors in the Service of your Society ended, I have preached on an avarage about four Sermons a week. I spent one fortnight in visiting Collinsville, Edwardsville, the Marine Settlement, and the churches on Shoal Creek. I found Br Ellis at Shoal Creek and assisted him in the administration of the Lords Supper. I also spent one fortnight in visiting Brownsville and Fountain Bluffs near the mouth of "Big" Muddy river. At F. B. I succeeded in repairing a dilapedated Sunday school. The first establishment of that Schooll was followed by a revival of religion, and it is hoped that much good may yet be done. The remainder of my time I spent in Kaskaskia while Br Ellis went on an exploring tour to the northern counties. My preaching I believe has generally been well received. and I have had many agreeable interviews in visiting from house to house. ~~I think~~ I think I have a fair prospect of usefulness in this country. I find much indifference to to vital piety, and that the value of the gospel is known by comparatively few. But I am not discouraged. The cause of religion is gaining groun Presbyterianism has been whipped into public notice and is becoming too respectable, and too powerful to be fought successfully with contempt and insult. A Gentleman at K. told me that the travelling preachers had complained that the men in that place were all infidels and that they had no hearers there except a few women, but said he we are all willing to hear a man that will talk sense. And I ~~[illegible]~~ must say that the second time I preached to them they all turned out. altho' it was a dark rainy night and the streets were as muddy as ever they were in Middlebury. Br Ellis has formed a church in Sangamon Co with 20 members. We formed one last week at Hillsborough Montgomery Co. with 6 members. and we hope for an addition soon. I expect to form a church at Vandalia, Fayette Co. in a few weeks. The people at V. have unexpectedly subscribed 200 dollars for the support ~~support~~ of a young Presb. preacher and will probably succeed in obtaining one half of the time for a year. We have now 19 little churches and 8 preachers in Ill. we have no presbytery in the state. ~~[illegible]~~ Two missionar to our state seem to be imperiously demanded this fall in order to keep things together.

Thus I have given you a short report of my labours together with a few facts which I think may be relied upon as "terra firma". I can not branch out into long descriptions of the country till I become more accquainted with it.

There are fifty dollars due to me for my servises as a Missionary of the A.H.M.S. for which Sum you will soon receive an order by the hands of Messrs Crocker and Brewster of Boston.

I trust I shall be remem-bered in your prayers for that cause from to which you have devoted your life. I can truly say that I felt Gratitude to God when I heard that you had refused a call to accept a call to take the charge of a congregation. Yours in Christ

Rev Absalom Peters
Cor Sec A.H.M.S.
No 144 Nassau St N.Y.

Solomon Hardy

P.S. Please to let me know the charges you have against me for cost of getting my books under weigh and I will deduct them from my next order should I wish to send it any of my creditors &c

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Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.

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[Hardy, Rev. Solomon]

Greenville, Bond county, Ill. May 28. 1828

Rev. Absalom Peters Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.

Dear Sir

I will now endeavour to give a report of my missionary labours for the second quarter commencing with the 19th of Feb. and ending with the 19th inst.

I have preached 33 sermons not one of which was delivered within the limits of any other presbyterian minister.

I have assisted three times in the administration of the Lord's supper. Once at Kaskaskia once at this place, and once at Springfield in Sangamon county. I have also baptized five children.

I have attended the monthly concert of prayer in some part or other of my vineyard, whenever the season for it arrived. And the concert is observed in all the churches under my care.

I have formed a Sabbath school in what is called the Round Prairie a settlement lying about 10 miles N. West from Greenville. Some of the people were very anxious to have the school. About 20 children have been collected and there is some good in prospect. I found it necessary to take a Superintendant from Bethel ch. for there

there is but one profession of religion in the R.P. a
he is too ignorant, and too ~~ay~~ indifferent to have
aught to do with a Sabbath School. Besides he has
some scruples of conscience about the matter.
There is a Sabbath School in each of the church-
es under my care. They all contain perhaps 90 schol-
ars. I have succeeded in forming a Sunday School
Library Association in Shoal Creek congregation
after several long but breathless western harangues
upon the ~~const~~itution. The Schools are all, well
attended.

I attended the ~~ann~~ annual meeting of the
Bond County Bible Society. That Society has
done nobly. With the assistance of the Parent
Society it has supplied ~~the whole~~ every family in the County with
the Bible.

I have visited thirty eight families, and
distributed about 600 pages of tracts.

I have given gratuitous instruction daily
to four indigent young men who are studying
the languages in order to prepare for the min-
istry. They are young men of promise but
very indigent. Some of them labour 2 or 3
hours in a day to pay for their board.

I hoped that by this time I should have
been able to state to you something definite
with regard to my support from the People.

~~But~~ I think something will be done. The people are anxious to have preaching and I believe are willing to do what they can to support it. But they can raise but little money. Perhaps they will raise 200 Dollars. They are now making exertions, for my support.

I shall probably send a ~~draught~~ draft for my last quarter's labour soon. But I shall not call for money after that, till the time of my commission expires.

I have laboured to preach the truth plainly and faithfully. But when people have been long destitute of preaching, it is often a considerable time before any sensible effect is produced. I find a great variety of character in the churches, ~~as great~~ a variety perhaps as could easily be found. One as soon as any religious excitement exists, is for shouting, dancing, jerking, falling &c. Another is a great stickler for "the doctrine discipline and order of the Presbyterian church" and is for moving on in a calm even way, while nothing will suit a third, which does not tally with Dr Hopkins. I find that it requires all my skill to keep them together, and I dare not leave them a week for fear something will go wrong. One thing I have learned since I came into the country althō I thought I had learnt it before, and that is, that ~~when~~ an ~~[illegible]~~ preacher coming into the country he should come to stay. I have now in my mind the names

[illegible] the [illegible] wife she will probably get the east[illegible]
you are the
way [illegible] we shall come [illegible] of [illegible]
whether we
only chance of keeping him only [illegible]
money in this country & [illegible] all who are [illegible]
would weigh the subject. I find as little cause [illegible]
couragement as I had anticipated. I think the only
difficulty in the way of my [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] the bible [illegible] the weapons I must use
[illegible]

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May 23 [illegible]
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Seven eastern ministers in the presbyterian church who
have been into Illinois and laboured for a year or [illegible]
then returned home of them too have returned [illegible]
people under the impression that they were [illegible]
away they have gone like [illegible] people
apprehend the reason very well. They say that if
[illegible] eastern minister comes here with a wife she will
discontented and cause him to return [illegible] he comes

[Hardy, Rev. Solomon] Greenville Bond county Illinois Sept 6th 1828

Rev Absalom Peters Cor. Sec. A H M Soc.

Rev and Dear Sir.

I design to give you, in this letter, a short account of my labours during the third quarter of my mission under the direction of your Society. My third quarter commenced on the 19 of May and ended on the 19th of August. During that period I laboured chiefly among the churches on Shoal Creek, endeavouring "through much weakness" to communicate to the people that gospel which is "the power of God unto salvation". I think that on the whole there is a growing attention to the means of grace, but I know not any instances of special seriousness. The people are now making some effort to keep me after my mission is closed, but how they will succeed, I can not tell you at present. It may not be uninteresting to you to know that there is a Temperate Society consisting of about 80 members mostly in this County. It was at first a county society, and is now a State Society. I think it has done some good, but most of their work is yet undone. We have also a ~~county~~ a Bible Society in this county which has supplied all the destitute families in the county with a complete copy of the scriptures. I have succeeded in establishing Bible Classes in the congregations where I preach.

I find trials, and such trials too as an eastern man ~~would~~ will not think of till he has experienced them.

but I am far from being discouraged. Indeed it is not time for me to be on my way back again, for I have not probably seen all the difficulties that lie in my path. If about 2 or 3 years from the time I left my native soil you may expect me to return discouraged. if ever.

On the 4th of July, I organized a small ~~church~~ church at Vandalia, the seat of government in this State. The next day (which was the Sabbath) I administered the Sacrament of the Lords supper. It was the first time that any Presbyterian minister had ever done the like in that county; and the audience was larger than was ever collected in town before at a religious meeting, and very attentive.

The next Sabbath I preached at Hillsborough in Montgomery County. I received four members into the little church there, and administered the sacrament of the Lords supper for the first time in that church. There were a large number of people present, for a religious meeting in this country. the little Court House would not hold them. The sermon was preached and the elements were distributed in a grove. It was I believe, to some an interesting season. A licentiate of our chh is labouring in Vandalia, Hillsborough and Bethel congregations and bids fair to be useful. A Tract Society has been established at Vandalia, and another at Hillsborough this season. A bible Society on the plan of the ~~Reading~~ Reading Societies has been established at ~~Hillsborough~~ the latter place.

In the latter part of June I was absent from this place nearly two weeks on a visit to Springfield in Sangamon County. I assisted Br Ellis in in administering the Sacrament of the Lds Supper, and preached seven time ~~while~~ during my absence.

I mentioned in my last letter that the people in this might perhaps make me out two hundred dollars, I in tended to have written two hundred dollars per annum.

Yours with christian affect

Solomon Hardy.

Rev. Solomon Hardy, Green
ville, Bond Co. Ill. Sept. 6. 18
Report of labor Ch. form^d in
Vandalia

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[Howe, Rev. Elbridge] Elbridge, Edgar Co. Illinois. 6 March, '28.

Rev & Dear Sir:

Yours of the 25 Dec. was recd in Feb. containing a commission dating from May 1, 1827.

I can look upon it not without seeing the hand of a benignant Deity dispensing mercy in the midst of judgment: for while for eight months past He has seen fit to set me aside from active service thro' bodily disease, and while viewing it expedient to seek another climate without the means of doing it, this act of the Executive Committee has prepared the way, and has relieved my mind of a load of anxiety.

As to my services for four months previous to the 1st of July 1827, in Paris, Ill. & New Hope, Ind. churches, besides preaching from once to three times in various neiborhoods and occasionally on other days of the week, I addressed the members and teachers of a Sunday school, individually and collectively, and lectured to a Bible Class, every Sabbath; made family visits; and attended ~~with~~ the Session to cases of discipline, one of which ~~had~~ been long neglected and aggravated from there having been no pastor in the church — so aggravated and complicated, as Rev S. H. Scott of Vincennes intimated to me, that he had influenced the church to call me in order to bring it to an issue, as by it the cause of religion had long been injured, ... the church polluted, and its very existence threatened.

With my health my support ceased. ~~And~~ So general is the want of the feeling of moral obligation, in these "borders," that the instances are rare where a minister ever realizes the principal part of a subscription, even tho' made by church members.

In consequence of my situation Rev Mr Curry has been temporarily engaged by Paris & N. Hope churches.

It is the opinion of those experienced in this climate that my constitution will not recover its wonted vigor till another winter. By the first of April I shall therefore visit Michigan and New England, one or both. It is not very probable that I shall have another location in any part of the vineyard during the present year.

Again let me express my gratitude for the interest and the sympathy the Committee have taken in my condition.— May Zion be enlarged and adorned by the agency of the American Home Missionary Society.

Very respectfully and affectionately

Elbridge G. Howe

Rev Absalom Peters, Cor. Sec.

Should you wish to write me (which would always be gratifying to me) direct either to *this place*, or *Paxton, Worc. Co. Mass.*

Rev. Elbridge G. Howe Elbridge
Edgar Co, Ill. Report of labor
March 5. 1828 — will leave
that County in April —

~~Elbridge~~
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Elbridge G. Howe P.M.
Elbridge, Ill.

Rev. Absalom Peters.
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.
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[Howe, Rev. Elbridge]

Paxton, Wor. Co. Mass. Sept. 2, '28.

Rev & Dear Sir–

According to the intimation in my last I left Paris and New Hope on the Wabash the last of March, having little prospect on account of ill heath of accomplishing any thing there or elsewhere for the present. Since arriving here in May my strength has been gradually increasing. But I have been able to preach only at intervals during the summer; though I think I can devote the autumn to the duties of study and preaching.

I feel the same interest in Home Missions as when I left Andover in 1824; and were the way prepared I would again go to the extreme west, there to live and labor. But I regret, that my pecuniary obligations for education, for my first outfit as Missionary, for residence in Illinois, and a twelve month sickness of myself and my family there, are such as to detain me two or three years in the East: for by experience I am assured, that these obligations can not be discharged by continuing a Missionary at the west. I think I have before stated to you and Mr Bruen, that it was probably wrong, at the first, for me to become a Miſsionary while my debts were unpaid.

But though I cannot at present, if ever, offer myself for the hardships of the extreme west, I shall not only esteem it my duty to the Great Head of the church, but a pleasure of the most exalted kind, to promote the good of that destitute portion of our land.

Should the Committee require my services as an Agent for the Autumn & winter, I shall probably be unengaged, and I can urge what I have seen as reasons for the church to awaken. In much respect,

Dear Sir,

I remain Yours,

Elbridge G. Howe.

Rev Absalom Peters. Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.

Rev. E. G. Howe Paxton,
Mass. Sept 2. 1828 - Has left
Illinois - wishes an agency
for the A.H.M.S. —

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Nathan Jones,
Canton, Illinois,
August 6 1828

Canton August 6 1828 [CANTON]

Rev Mr Peters Sir

I again enquire. Cannot the Home society assist the Military district of Illinois I am a residente in the Bounty tract. and if thear has ever been a Mishionary in this whole tract to labour it is unknown to me.— there is 4 Counties North of the Illinois river, Where, I think Churches Might be formed, Ministers supported to a considerable extent, Probaly as well as any part of this state. I have no doubt if We had a man of Common Tallant in this County (Fulton) some would subscribe as high as 50 dollars per year. such as would be called poor People at the east, this military district is seperated from the older part of the State, by a number of large streams.— Mr Ellis made an appointment to Fulton some six months ago, and visited us, yea such is his calls, and Mr Hardy, that they are alike a drop in the ocean compared to the wants of Illinois. and such is the interest created by the Home society, that the whole Country is in Motion. in Hopes. doubts and ~~[illegible]~~ fears

I Wante inquire. Cannot the Hom Society
Send us a Missionary the comming fall
to this County. Communication from this
County to the other Countyes in this Tract
is Generally Good. the Health of the County
is as Good as any part of the western Cuntry
I have received ~~to~~ a letter from the South
we. and western Fraternity. which gives us
en couragement. I expect to write again soon
as we have been so long without Preaching
we need a Man that has learnt by experien-
ce both how to be abased and how to abou
I wish not to have it under stood that the
people Generally in this County will assist
they will not. but Still I think the encourage-
ment is as good as any County I am acquaint
with in this Country. we have no Church yet. but we have
the material. the members are mostly
Settlers for ~~term~~ life. Pleas write me a ~~line~~
line on the receipt of this. and inform whether
we may what a Missionary soon Very Respectfully

Nathan Jones

[Jones, Nathan]

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Br Peaters sir

I have Just returned from Presbytery — Where we had a very interesting meeting the Rev Solomon Hardy was Installed over the Church on Bond, or rather Two Churches, Place of Meeting 5 miles apart. the Rev Mr Durphy Preached the sermon. Br Matheny gave the charge to the Minister. Mr Ellis gave the charge to the People, all the ceremonies where uncommon interesting. I believe the Church and People (from the southern states) where unanimously agreed in Mr Hardy. I mention this last circumstance to show that section Jelousys are fast dying away, in this Country — thus your devoted Missionary, who came, promising nothing only what was in his own Heart is the first settled in Illinois, and I am fully convinced that the the People in Illinois need nothing more than to have the Gospel set before them ~~I Just~~ Mr Ellis has created a new impulse in this Part of the State he has been in Fulton County once and Preached to exception created a salutary Influence ——

but we want a man on the Military Tract

I expect it we want a man in Fulton Co and we know not whom to apply only to the Home So. this country is filling up fast, surrounded by large streams, such is our situation from Mr Ellis that he cant get here only in the fall season without passing three rivers whereas was a man locate here he could pass the most of the Military Tract without passing the most of the year a bridge across Spoon river is about completed which communication will be good for a new country but I think with a littel assistance we can support a man in this country.

Very Respectfully

Nathan Jones

[Jones, Nathan]

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Jacksonvill Morgan County Illinois Augst 5th 1828

The Revd Absalom Peters Cor. Sec A. H. M. S., 144
Nassau street New York

Revd and Dear Sir

Having made myself acquainted with the design of the American Home Missionary Society — And believing that were the situation of this section of the United States known to Your society that it could not fail to call forth Your sympathy and that aid for want of which many very many of my fellow mortals I fear are perishing — I have therefore concluded as a friend to the human family and a friend to the Redeemer whose cause I have long since espoused to give You a statement of facts and a short relation of the situation of that part of Zion where God in his providence has placed me — It has often been said that the state of Ill in point of soil was one of the richest states in the union — and a second Holland in point of navigation — The inhabitants are generally industrious and enterprising — But with all its advantages I ask what will become of Ill without virtue & piety — The people have come to possess the land of which Green Mo a congressman of country considered the most desirable & for the [illegible] Should some traveller pass through our land, I presume

I am persuaded it would be difficult for us to make him believe that, nine years had not elapsed, since the first white man located himself in Morgan; such is the rapid growth of the country — But where is the sanctuary, where the house dedicated to Jehovah's ~~[illegible]~~ worship? in quest of such a place our traveller might pursue his route to the limits of this state and beyond it before his eyes are blest by the sight — O the lamentable situation of ~~of~~ the inhabitants of this land — no house of worship no missionary of the cross or but very few and the souls of men perishing! I do not wish to convey the idea that there are no preachers of other denominations but I mean to say ~~that~~ after all are taken into consideration of every denomination who believe the fundamentals of religion ~~that~~ there is a greater very great deficiency and that there are thousands among us perishing for lack of knowledge — will not our Brethren take our case into deep consideration & pity us — and will not your benevolent institution send us some help — From the situation and character of the Countys already mentioned it is generally believed they will give tone to the State should this be the case the gospel should be established here as soon and as firmly as possible. There is a small Presbyterian Church in Greene & Sangamon and one in this Cty but where are the preachers — In the providence of God we are bless^d with having the labours of the Revd John M. Ellis with whom I presume you are acquainted but the other two Counties are destitute. it is for these our brethern & our fellow mortals all around that we plead and not for ourselves — The fertility of this country is so great that so soon as the Cannel from Ill. River to Lake Michigan is cut together with the other facility of navigation the people here must become wealthy wealth is power and this power will be arraid on the part of King Messiah or the prince of darkness — the present moment is all important — a few months lost now will produce such effects that ~~it~~ it may take 5 years to recover —

~~[illegible]~~

The Church in this County is quite in its infancy and when we were without help God remembered our cause are trying to hold up the hands of our friend Mr Ellis. We already see the good effects of his presence we consider ourselves greatly favoured of the Lord who in mercy has given us double our numbers since he came among us. We attend to the monthly concert & a sabbath school prayer meetings &c —— We have the prospect of soon seeing a seminary of learning rising its head from the borders of a beautifull grove in the suburbs of Jacksonville, when the house is erected we shall then look to our Northern brethren for the finishing stroke With sentiments of high respect I am dear Sir Yours truly in the bonds of love

William C. Posey Ruling Elder
in the first Presbeterian church in the
County of Morgan Illinois

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[SPRINGFIELD]

Pres

Dr Sir ~~Springfield Illinois 21st July 1828.~~

About the 20th Jany last the Rev J. M. Ellis ~~a Missionary from the [illegible]~~ arrived in this place and, after making ~~considerable enquiry found a~~ few who professed the name of Christ & who had formerly been members of the Presbyterian Church. After consulting with those few, it was thought ~~most~~ expedient to undertake the formation of ~~a~~ ~~[illegible]~~ a Church ~~in this place~~ which was accordingly agreed, on the 22nd of the same month, consisting of about 26 members. Since which time, considerable additions have been made. ~~Having existed as we do in the wilderness~~ ~~like sheep~~ scattered abroad or astray in the wilderness without a Shepherd, & destitute of the necessary means of supporting the Gospel; we have been induced to call on the Missionary Society for aid, respectfully laying our case before them, & with full confidence, believing ~~that~~ our Lord & Master will hear ~~the~~ calls of his children & supply them with those heavenly blessings which the children of God in this place stand in need. There is in this County about 10.000 Inhabitants & but this one Church. In Morgan Co. joining this, 8.000. in Greene 7.000 together with Pike, Adams, Fulton, Tazewell, Peoria, Schuyler, Calhoun &c. lying about us all nearly destitute of the preached Gospel by any fixed church, ~~except Morgan where Mr Ellis now gives his [illegible] as much of his time to the neighboring counties as his situation will admit.~~ There is in each of the counties I have mentioned, a sufficient number of Professors to form a respectable church but they are unable at present to support a settled Preacher. ~~In consequence of having no one to lead or direct them, some are attaching themselves to other societies others are going astray like sheep in the wilderness without a Shepherd.~~ Feeling, as we trust we do, the importance of ~~the~~ cause, & wishing to do every thing in our power for the good of the cause, we think we are able to say that ~~that for the first year~~

the sum of four ~~[illegible]~~ hundred Dollars could be raised, for the preacher, part in cash & part in Produce ~~&~~ a much larger sum could be ~~raised~~ were it not for ~~[illegible]~~ our having an Undertaken to build a Meeting house this is already commenced & must be a heavy tax on a few individuals; but circumstances seem to require it.

Should we be so favoured as to receive aid from the Missionary Society we should be under obligations not easily expressed, & they would be supplying the wants of a destitute wilderness land, where the people are perishing for lack of vision.

May the Lord hear our cries & send faithful labourers among us

PS Please write on Recpt. of this. John Moore Saml Reed John N. Moore & Myself are Elders in the church— direct to either of us

I am with respect your obdt. &
faithful Brother
Isaiah Stillman
Ch. Clerk

Springfield Ill
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[Elders of Bethd Church]

[SPILMAN]

Greenville, Bond County, Ills. Dec 15th 1828

We the Members of Bethel church in Bond County Illinois, and of the Church of Hillsboro' in Montgomery County, take the liberty to represent to the Home Miſsionary Society, our situation and wishes.

We feel anxiously desirous, to enjoy the privileges and ordinances of the Gospel, We also feel it our duty and expreſs our readineſs to contribute according as the Lord hath prospered us, to the support of the Gospel; but our numbers are small, and the church of Hillsboro' particularly is in its infancy, and most of us are contending with the difficulties common to new settlers. The Rev. Thomas A. Spillman, who was licenced some more than a year since, and ordained as an evangelist in October last, has spent a considerable part of his time among us, and we have obtained his consent to labour as a Stated supply one half of his time, in each of the above named churches, with some prospect of final settlement. We believe that we are not able at present to contribute to his support more than the sum of One Hundred & Fifty Dollars per annum

We hope and trust however, that our numbers will increase, and our prospects become more favourable.

If your Society should think it wise, under these circumstances, to render us some pecuniary aid, we would be thankful and take courage. As to the amount, if any should be granted, we leave it to your parental wisdom, and Charity

Signed on behalf of the Churches

To the Home Missionary Socy.

Robt. McCord
David Moore
Saml. Dickson
Alexr. Denny
Elders of Bethel Church

John Tillson Jr
Elder of the Church of Hillsboro'

To the Rev A. Peters Cor. Sec. A.H.M.S.

I have read the above application and think it has a claim on your attention. The Rev Mr Spillman is a young man that bids fair for usefulness, and is moreover a native of the West. He has laboured more than a year in this state without any compensation except what he derived from the people. If you see fit to send him a commission, the time of his mission should commence on the first of Dec 1828

Yours &c
Solomon Hardy

Elders of Bethel & Hillsboro Ill.
applic for aid in support of Rev.
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[TAYLOR]

Jacksonville Morgan County Ill. August 7th 1828

Rev. Absalom Peters, Cor. Secy A. H. M. Society. - -

[JACKSONVILLE]

Pres

Dear Sir.

From a moral wilderness of the west, I address you upon a subject in which yourself, and the christian public in the east, are actively engaged; that of sending heralds of the gospel to the destitute within the bounds of the United States. —

- - - - From the reports I have recently read, I discover that much good already been done by the Society in supplying the destitute. - - The united prayer of the church in the east, is, that the same benevolence which instituted that Society, may increase, until every corner of the field is furnished with efficient labourers. This feeling is no doubt responded from the hearts of ~~your~~ christians in the West ~~[illegible]~~, for they feel that the souls of this people are perishing for lack of vision! ~~[illegible]~~

- - - - - - - - - - The object of this communication is to make known to your society the importance of this section of Illinois, It will however be imperfect in many respects, for want of data relative to some subjects. Perhaps no portion of the United States presents a more important, or more destitute field, for the immediate labors of faithful & zealous missionaries of of Christ, than is constituted by a few counties in the northern portion of Illinois. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

- - - - The counties to which I have reference are Greene, Morgan, Sangamon, Tazewell, Peoria, Fulton, Schuyler Adams, & Pike. Morgan, Green & Sangamon are by far the most important, containing a population of 24 or 25000. The settlements in Morgan & Sangamon began 9 or 10 years since; that of Green a little earlier. Except Tazewell, the ~~other~~ counties here mentioned are situated in the military bounty tract, being less valuable, principally from that circumstance, and the settlements began more recently, and progress more slowly. The population of all these counties ~~[illegible]~~ is estimated at between 30. & 32,000, having probably ~~[illegible]~~ doubled in less than 4 years; say in 3 years & 6 months. —

- - - - - - - - - The face of the country is said to be as beautifull as any part of America: comfortably level, with timbers and prairies interspersed, in a very delightfull & convenient manner, over most of these three counties. There are however some exceptions. ~~for~~ Some of the prairies are wide, and, for lack of timber, cannot be cultivated untill hedging shall be resorted to.

- - - - - - - - - The soil is the richest I ever saw in any country. That on the borders of Rivers, bays or valleys in New England, bears no comparison in fertility; and even the celebrated German & Genesee Flats, in the State of New York, are not equal. The productions of all kinds, from the slightest culture are very abundant, more so than from the most careful Tillage & manuring east of the Allegany mountains. - The prairies furnish the pasturage & most of the meadow of our country. Some grasses are cultivated and grow well. - Much attention is now paid to the growth of fruit trees, and excellent success as yet attends every attempt. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

- - - - - - - - - The raising of stock is an easy business in this country. Better stock, with almost no care, is raised, than in the new England states with usual exertions and care.---

The Illinois River bounds Green and Morgan Counties on the west, separating them from Schuyler, Pike & Calhoun counties, and affording steam boat navigation at almost every season, not only as far up as our own landings, but to the rapids of said River; the point at which the contemplated canal, connecting Lake Michigan to the Illinois R. will intersect it. Landings both safe and convenient are found the whole distance above. Sangamon County has the benefit of the river by that name, which is navigable for keel boats in the spring season. At other seasons her freight is brot to landings on the Ill. in Morgan County.

---. Not much can be said in relation to the comfortableness and convenience of our buildings; by ~~the~~ far the greatest part of them are poor, made of logs, roughly put up, in the form of what we call cabins ~~in this country~~. Some decent houses and barns are however built and building throughout the country. The enterprize manifested on this subject is quite laudable and now increasing. The fields present a very beautiful aspect, as ~~for~~ the Growth of almost every vegetable is very luxuriant. As every subject cannot receive attention in one communication, I must cease my descriptions of this kind. Enough has been written heretofore, no doubt, to convince all who feel interested for us, of the attractions which our section of country possesses; and the influence of its advantages in directing to its bosom a vast tide of emigration. ~~From what is above stated you know that the tide has been great: but a great portion of it was of a sort of people who would in your country be called desperadoes. Now & for 2 years past it has been better, and hereafter it will consist principally of respectable families. On this fact there is no doubt.---~~

But dear Sir, ~~what further shall I write unto you on the other features of the west? The~~ the Moral desolations of this otherwise very desirable region, are great! Greater I fear than you will conceive after all the attempts at description. In the first place, our population has most of it originated in the southern & western states, where very little heed is given to the education of children. ~~In the dark regions of Slavery & Slave principles little moral feeling exists! and that little is too often like a candle under a bushel; it shines not forth! and can have no influence on those who feel it not.—— In ignorance, and under the influence of such habits & principles as are the almost inevitable consequence of an education (or of an entire residence) in a slave country, have very many of our people emigrated to this state.~~ Some of our citizens from the slave states are exceptions ~~to~~ in this particular, ~~but~~ few of them ~~[illegible]~~ are aware of the benefits of your free literary institutions; and none can realize, as yet, the blessings of your pious & benevolent associations. Experience ~~only~~ and a direct exhibition, only, can give their minds a correct conception of them...... To convince any who may doubt this, I will give an instance, exhibiting the tone of sentiment on the subject of missions, inculcated by a ~~[illegible]~~ portion of our baptist brethren in this and others of the western states. In a baptist association held in Sangamon county. an article was introduced and made binding upon that body. in purport as follows: We do not feel it our duty or our privilege to admit into our councils any missionary, or any one engaged in supporting the cause of missions: * The same spirit has extensively existed, and yet exists to a considerable degree on the subject of sabbath schools: and what is still more astonishing and more to be deprecated, is that a violent opposition has prevailed, and yet prevails, among the same class of citizens & preachers, and some others, ~~amongst the [illegible]~~, against educated ministers of the gospel. .. They contend that the preparation of the heart is all that is necessary to qualify a man for the great and important duties devolving upon a minister of Christ. That God by his spirit will & does (by ~~the~~ special revelation) direct such, in what manner to publish & defend the sublime doctrines of christianity. ~~I give these as specimens of the prevalent [illegible] [illegible] tions.~~ Judge ye ~~of the character of that portion of our citizens~~ of our need of help from those who are qualified to preach the gospel, and defend its doctrines!........

~~— In almost every instance of a sabbath school in our section of country. it ~~has~~ is a truth, owes its origin & principal support to emigrants from the east who are aware of the benefits of the institution. In relation to every institution of the like kind which has been found, owes all to the influence & exertions of the few citizens of the latter class. — I know not the proportion of eastern citizens. but will suppose 1-8th. and the others of the class above..........~~

I have been a citizen of this county almost six years, and witness to its progressive stages of settlement and improvement, and notwithstanding the rapid strides it has made in this way: I have always been pained, and my heart sickened in contemplating the literary and moral darkness which has shrouded the land. The same impenetrable night yet overspreads it.— Indifference and opposition to litterary improvement (in the majority): neglect of moral instruction, and the influence ~~of examples~~ of intemperance, ~~&~~ profanity, ~~approximating in some instances to blasphemy~~, gambling, &c. ~~[illegible] and bloody riots~~, are doing their own work in forming ~~in~~ the ~~youth of~~ character of our youth!! ~~fit only for the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]!!~~ O the forbearance of a merciful God, who withholds his vengeance when such ~~[illegible]~~ works of iniquity are practiced! ~~[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] justice [illegible]~~ ~~How consonant the saviour's exclamation Father forgive them for they know not what they do!..~~ ~~God regards the few who love his law, and arrests the execution of his justice~~ ~~then~~ But here is a little salt which has not lost its savour. In Green county. is a small presbyterian church in Morgan is a little church and another in Sangamon county. In Fulton county are a few presbyterians unembodied; calling for assistance to form them into a church Also in Schuyler & in Adams are a few persons of our order entirely destitute of the ordinances of the Gospel. —

Our church in Morgan, consists of 28 members, and materials exist for increasing the number to 35 perhaps, who will probably be united in a short time. Rev. J. M. Ellis now devotes three fourths of his time to our neighborhood and congregation. He is the only located presbyterian minister in a large space of country. What are the labors of one man in a population of more than 30,000? All the others are destitute; ~~[illegible]~~ they starve, they languish for want of spiritual bread.

What shall be done for this people? is there no help for the souls that are here perishing? While God is doing great things for his church in other states, pouring out his Spirit in such copious effusions, where the gospel is preached this people are going backward. Is it not probable that God would equally bless and prosper the preaching of his word in Illinois? Is our character more hopeless than others? Jesus Christ came into the world to save, even the chief of sinners! We call, loudly, by our destitute situation for immediate aid! Compare our case with others and then tell us, if we have yet no claims upon your christian charity? You will not say that God has cast us off forever, left us to a reprobate mind and certain ruin! No, there is some hope of us; there is yet balm in Gilead, yet a Physician there, waiting to heal our spiritual maladies! O then send us qualified instruments to apply the holy oil; then may we hope that the cloud which rests over the states of Kentucky & Ohio, pouring forth regenerating showers, may be extended over our thirsty desert, to revive the children of God, to wash away the sins of this people, which now call loudly for the vengeance of heaven! Immediate help is necessary, or the enemy will soon possess the land!

Rev. J. M. Ellis has been with this church only a few weeks and we humbly hope, from some indications which are seen that a gracious blessing is at hand and that we may soon have good tidings to communicate to our friends in the east, in whose prayers we are confident of being had in remembrance. . . . – – –

H. G. Taylor

Rev. A. Peters.

I will be a subscriber for Home Missionary & Pastors Journal.

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[Taylor, H.G.]

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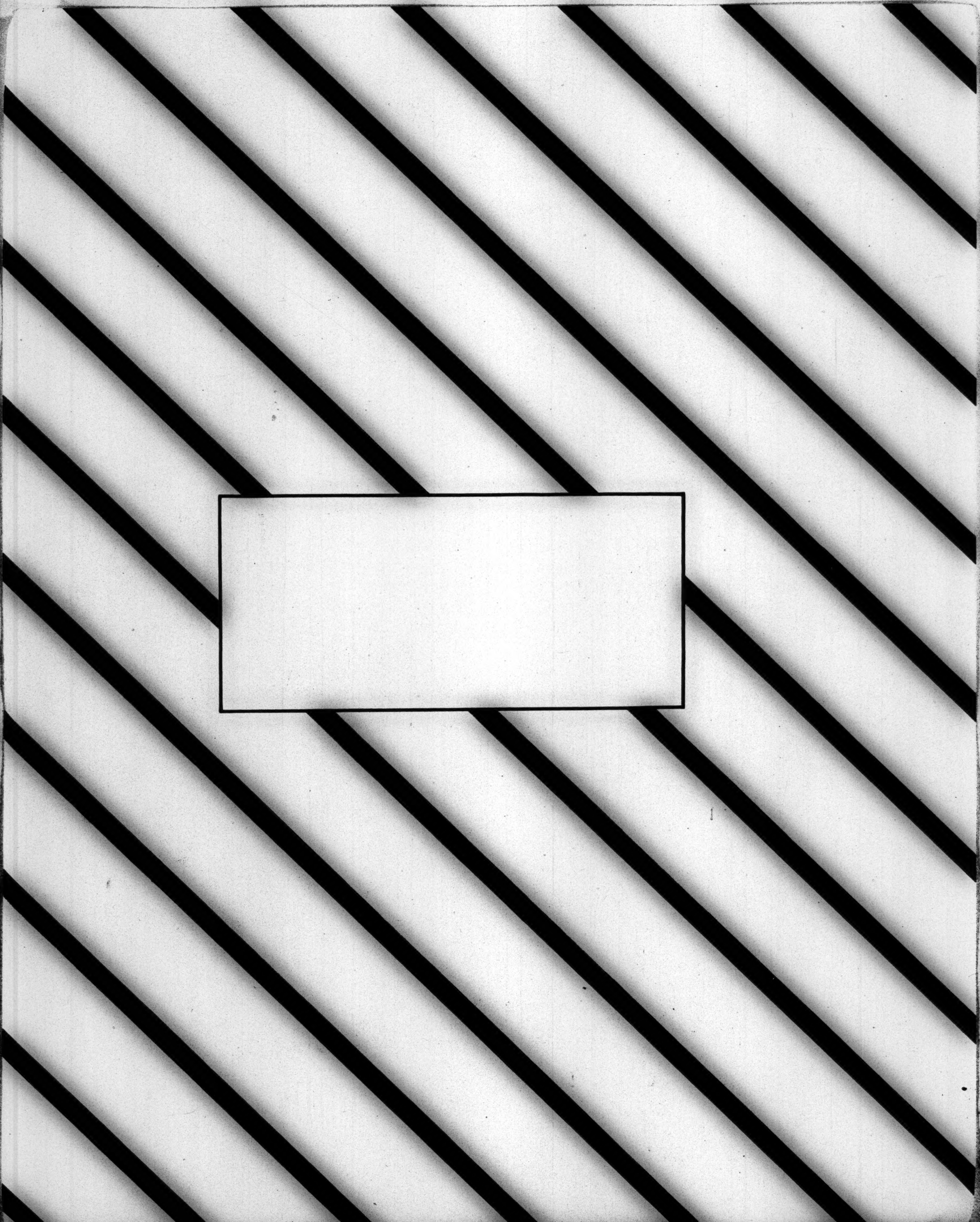

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[redacted] [Bergen, Rev. John]

Springfield Sangamon Co Il Feb. 24 1829

Rev & Dear Sir—

Permit me in the begining to observe, if you consider any of the following com=munication desirable to appear in your Monthly your discretion will doubtless make the wisest selection, as some things respecting [redacted] state of religion and other denominations in [redacted] parts may be highly important for you to know, which would be inexpedient to come from us to the public.— I think it was named in my communication of Dec. that we had appointed to celebrate the Lord's supper in this place. The as=sembly was large, attentive & solemn. Altho the day was cold they remained with quietness & apparent interest to the close of the exercises a happy contrast to a practice too common of multitudes going out [redacted] the communicants sit down at the table. That day we received four additional members & the little flock of about 20 renewed their covenant with devotional tenderness where they received the pledges of their Saviour's love & of their mutual fellowship in his family. Notice was given, at the desire of the elders, that a public meeting of the church & congregation of Sangamon would be held in this place to adopt such measures as should appear to be most for its welfare. Measures were taken to revive the expiring purpose of building a meeting house. About three hundred dollars is all that is yet subscribed. It moves heavily this arises in part from inability, both

natural & moral, from diversity of opinions incident
to all new countries, & from the fact that our Meth-
-odist brethren are now in advance, & in actually
building one here. Permit me [illegible] to renew my
appeal to one or more of the [illegible] liberal of your city
to give an impulse to this building, $100 would do it. To
succeed [illegible] if we, I would deem that now,
now is the time. Presbyterianism is weak in this county
very weak, in numbers & in property. In this town we
have but one male member. Two of our elders live
20 miles distant one 10. & the other 3. By consultation
with Br. Ellis it was deemed inexpedient to say anything
at present on the subject of support. I cannot flatter myself
that your society can calculate on much relief this year.
I named it to the elders but they coincided with the opinion
of Mr. Ellis. Notwithstanding we are not discouraged, nor
have we any desire to regret that we have put our hand
to the plough. No doubt I think can be entertained by any
who are acquainted with the country of its ultimate & speedy
growth in population & prosperity. I speak of what is prop-
-erly called the Sangamon Country, so called from the
river of that name, which is formed by two prominent
branches receives many other tributary streams & enters by
a north west course into the Illinois, a river at once
open to all the facilities of steam navigation. Means are
provided, commissioners are appointed, the route will soon
be surveyed & a canal will be cut to join the waters of the
Illinois with the northern lakes. The great creator has made
this country capable of sustaining an immense population
Richer, deeper, more productive soil, yielding its vari-
-ous & abundant productions with the least labor, perhaps
cannot be found. From this fact we infer his design that such
a population will be here. Let it be considered that ten years
ago it was the property & actual abode of the savages. Now in
this county there is more than 12000 inhabitants. The emigra-
-tion was greater last autumn than in any preceding year.
But mostly they are poor & from the south. The little money
they had, they spend in moving here & in entering land at the

U.S. office for their farms. And besides faithfulness calls on
me to say that very few of them have prepossessions in favor of
our denomination on the contrary they have many & strong prej-
-udices of old standing which have chiefly grown ~~out~~ of the
limitation scheme & stated salaries. We could not perhaps do
a more inexpedient thing in view of the steady & ultimate ad-
-vance of evangelical principles, holy action & sound gospel
order to bring up the great & rising resources of this land & region
to the help of the Lord against the mighty, than for us to say much
on the subject of support. We prefer for you to know there is a
great number of professors of religion in this country. They are chiefly
Baptists, Methodists, ~~& Pres~~ & Cumberland presbyterians. The first are to a great extent
antinomian in ~~profession~~ sentiment & practice & decidedly opposed to
all the benevolent movements of the day. And all are opposed
against ministerial support. But this state of things cannot stand
long, because it does not correspond with the tone of the present
day. — I must pass to another topic. My course of preaching has been
every other sabbath in the town & occasionally thro the week. The
other sabbaths are occupied by our Methodist brethren. I have been
four times on Sugar creek 10 miles hence where we have a few
members amid a large settlement of Cumberlands, once higher
up the same creek about 20 miles & once over the Sangamon
river 20 miles in another direction. In company with one of the members of this congregation I also visited Vandalia 80 miles during the session of the legislature & spent a sabbath there. We have twice since
wrote to you held what is here technically called a two days meet-
-ing, one on Sugar creek, the other in town. Our Cumberland
brethren joined with us & we with them. Three of their ministers
shared in the labors. The assemblies have been uniformly
large & encouraging. Oh that the influences of the Holy Spirit
may accompany his word with enlightening, sanctifying &
saving power. — We have had the most delightful winter I ever
beheld. It has been uniformly clear, dry & mild up to the first of Feb.,
since then we have had cold & snow. Mrs. Bergen has perfectly re-
-covered her face. We have never enjoyed so good health as
since we have been in this state. Bless the Lord oh our souls & all
that is within us praise his holy name. — A number of particulars
are only touched in this on wh. I desire to enlarge. — In consultation
with Mr. Ellis I have purchased here a small house & lot price
$320 whether I have done wisely or unwisely I know not. He says
wisely. Houses, rent, building & all mechanical labor, are higher than they
are in N.Y. All kinds of merchandise are 20 & many more than 100 per
cent. above your prices. We have paid $5 a month for a small &
open house, the only one we could get. This is the first removal we
have ever made. The change indeed is great. Yet as I have named
we have no serious regrets nor any purpose of relinquishing the field.
This wide, important & must be maintained. We must put up a kitchen in the spring. If you can send me $200 early in May or last of April you will greatly oblige your fellow laborer J. G. Bergen

Springfield Ill
March 3

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The Rev. Mr. Absalom Peters
144 Nassau St.
City of New York

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Rev. John G. Bergen—
Springfield, Ill. Feb 24 1825—
Report— Request for aid

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[Bergen, Rev. John]

Springfield June 23^d 1829~

Rev:^d and Dear Sir,

I shall begin my present communication with an apology if any be necessary. A response on our part ought to have been made some weeks since for the generous aid which was so promptly bestowed & so quickly announced to me for our meeting house. For myself I can say, I have been looking every mail some weeks past for a letter from you conveying to me the amount of money named in my last intending then to forward the receipt & make the acknowledgement. But I have looked in vain. Perhaps I shall not find a more convenient place in my letter than here to repeat my earnest desire that you will forward without delay if you possibly can $200 — I have labored more than two quarters of my missionary service & if you should send it immediately it will be nearly two months hence before it will arrive. I have been put to considerable inconvenience & some disappointment by the delay already. As I named to you in my last, house rent here was so high, $5 — a month for a poor house of only two small rooms & no other privilege not even a well; and when I decided to come to the west I did it I trust with a view to the glory of God & advancement of the cause & kingdom of the Redeemer in my feeble way; & enter into a field which appeared promising & inviting not indeed in a pecuniary way but for doing good, such a field I have every reason & increasingly so to conclude my footsteps have been directed to; therefore I decided last winter to purchase a lot on which was a new but unfinished house of two rooms & to build a kitchen & bed room adjoining; the purchase is made & the work is doing; in addition to this at the solicitation of a number of ladies of the town for my daughter to take charge of a female school I have put up a building for that purpose which will cost me more than $100 — It is done, & she is engaged in that important business, important every where & especially in such a town as this where there are so many excessively vicious & vulgar children & youth.—

We are here without a purpose to return, too much harm incalculably has been done to Presbyterianism in this state by our ministers staying a little & straight they are gone; having counted the cost before we started & having put our hand to the plough we do not look backward we have cast ourselves on the good providence of God which has ever been over us with a view also to exert our own energies with prayer to the God of providence & grace to guide, bless & sustain us nor have we any anxious misgivings of heart tho the field is large & the helpers here in any way are few. It would therefore have been a matter of great convenience to me to have had it before, but if it comes speedily it may yet enable me to meet my engagements without loss of character or confidence, for some unavoidable delays have taken place on account of lumber which I am now pleased with, but in the other case should have considered a great inconvenience as we are crowded in an unfinished house & compelled to do all our domestic affairs in the heat of summer on a small fire-place without even an oven. But we do not murmur. Oh Lord prepare our hearts more & more & make us thankful. Surely we have much, very much to be grateful for, our lives & health are spared (one member of our family since I wrote has had an attack of dysentery for a few days) & we are surrounded by many kind neighbours & friends in town & are greeted with a hearty welcome every where & urgent desires to come & preach, but to communicate of their temporal substance to those who communicate to them spiritual things enters into the minds of very few & in a portion of them the purpose dies before their execution.

Perhaps the delay is owing to want of formality in my draft on the treas- ~~the treasury~~ If so I will append to my present letter a draft on the treasurer. At the close of the year I will give you an account of what I have received from the people, the amount is small not exceeding $12 in produce & 3 in cash. — As for the church on this subject. I took an early opportunity in Dec. to lay it before the elders & they called a meeting of the congregation but few, very few attended; they laid before them two points one to see what they could do for our support & the other what for building a meeting house — this the advice of one individual which I believe was well meant but in my opinion ill-judged. It was concluded it would be rather a damping to the community & might ultimately defeat our intention than to start a subscription for salary, so that was put aside, as I communicated to you more at large. — And it was resolved to attempt to build a meeting house a work more difficult than if it had not been attempted last summer because there is a kind of superstitious notion in the west that if an attempt be made & it fails there is a fatality about it. The former subscription contained in it the materials of its own death by a clause of limitation to last September. We started in January 4 or 5 subscriptions, but little was done & that little slowly; for my own part I was a stranger & could but little more than feel the pulse & make inquiries, for there is a strong antipathy to new-comers to go ahead & direct or lead the first & old settlers of their towns, the phrase is & who are you? & you would be a county commissioner! — But having been longer here, having become now known having become convinced of the hearty desire from one motive or another of many to have a house, being deeply convinced of its vital importance in every view & having received with so much promptness a generous answer to our call I felt that the time was come when I ought to go out in the front rank & take a firm & steady hold of the cause as an advocate & laborer for it. Accordingly having laid the whole business before the congregation on the sabbath preached a sermon on the occasion & read your letter on the subject a meeting of the trustees appointed a few months since was called the sums on the several subscriptions were consolidated in a book & with one of the trustees we went forward. Our subscription now amounts to about $700 that may be depended on including every thing. It is our purpose to build only such a one as we intend to finish. You have spoken our minds "we shall" But a meeting house done a thing I have not seen in the state.' — Soon as I received your letter telling of the $500 — I read it to the ch. & cong. It manifestly gave a strong impulse to the cause. Within the last ten days we closed the contract to deliver us the walls 28 feet by 40 one story of 12 feet from the floor to the ceiling for $380 including the foundation & every thing. I took the earliest opportunity to inform our elders of the donation one after another as I could see them. We appointed to hold communion on the 1 sab. of this month, the assemblage was so large we had to go into the grove adjoining our log meeting house there we spread the table of the Lord & at 5 o'clock assembled again on the open prairie where the grove had shed a deep shade. It was a day of delightful interest. Only two of our elders were here. I have told you how scattered & far off they live. The clerk of the session who wrote to you last summer was not here. So no answer yet has been prepared & forwarded by the session for your having sent them a minister or given generously to aid their meeting house. If the clerk of the session who is a great talker does not attend to the business I have it in train to be in other hand who will & will rejoice to do it. I am ashamed & many more are at their ungenerous & disrespectful delay. — Since my last my course of preaching has been the same here as before every other sab. in town & every other in such parts of the surrounding country from 6 to 30 as appeared to be most likely to do good. Twice I have visited Morgan county & preached last sab. Once again on the borders of it about 12 miles hence on what is called Richland. The assembly was very large. We worshiped under the shade of the trees. — I must close now & shall soon write you as to specifics of more general interest. Will you hand the following draft to the treasurer & forward me the money by the next mail & greatly oblige your fellow laborer in the best of causes — J G B —

Mr. Knowles Taylor Treasurer

Please to pay to Mr. Absalom Peters $200 — for six months Missionary service rendered according to the appointment of the A. H. M. S. and you will greatly oblige your unworthy servant

John G. Bergen

July 27th 1825

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The Rev. Mr. Absalom Peters
Nassau St. No 144 —
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Dear Sir ~ Permit me to express an opinion — being on the ground Sir & knowing ~ that it will be unwise now as we are about to strain every nerve for the Meeting House — to say or do much on the subject of Sallary this season
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[Elders + Trustees]

Rev^d & Dear Sir Indian Creek Sangamo Ills 4th July 1829

No 2

The time is very late for us to give you an answer for the goodness which your board have done to us & we cannot excuse ourselves for not writing to you sooner. we are truly ashamed of our delay to make acknowledgements for the Missionary you sent us & for the help to build our Meetinghouse the only apology we can make is the unsettled & disorganized state of things together with the extreme difficulty of getting all the members of our scattered Church together they living some of them more than twenty miles from the place of worship. We ought to have told you and thanked you that the Rev. Mr Bergen arrived to labor among us towards the close of last year. We were much pleased with him & his family. On his arrival in the latter part of Decr the Church were called together & the sacrament administered it was a solemn & interesting season, He found us in a much more destitute state than he or the board would have a right to expect from our communication last summer the subject of his support & also that of building the meetinghouse was taken up. we felt it of the greatest possible importance to build the house. we had a minister & our log School house would not hold the people. we thought we ought to attend immediately to that & did not start a subscription for his support. whether we did wisely or unwisely we cannot say. but we now find ourselves just so situated and we are ashamed to say it but it is our true situation that we are unable to meet the expectation which we raised in your Society last summer & we feel & believe from what we know of our small & feeble congregation that if we were now

~~to press for it while we are straining every effort to build the house it would effect our ultimate intentions & do harm to the general cause seeing there is a community the very largest part of which are opposed to doing any thing for the Gospel. We do therefore beg you Dear Brethren to excuse us from being bound this year to come up to what you had reason to expect of us & what we had expressed our opinion could be done. If it can next year be done for any man it can for Mr. Bergen. he is much esteemed and well spoken of as far as his acquaintance extends. he preaches occasionally in different parts of the county & promises much good. all denominations as far as we can learn speak well of him~~

We think we can now speak without the fear of being disappointed, that our house will be enclosed this fall & finished in the spring

We truly thank, & ~~pray~~ beg you to ~~give~~ express our thanks to the ~~two~~ individuals in your city for the $100 to aid us in erecting our Meeting house. ~~it~~ Such kindness is like water to a thirsty soul. Oh Brethren how many are the wants of this new and most promising country, which is so fast populating! The emigration last year was much greater than in any year before, # How much we need able & faithful Ministers; # but what shall we do? ~~how can we ask for them to be sent:~~ The people of any denomination are not able to do much for their support of our denomination the number is ~~so~~ small. ~~[illegible]~~ still we cannot do without ~~them~~ ministers. with ~~rent~~ aching hearts we say, sometimes, must the fairest & best part of our country be left to ignorance & vice & irreligion? No, we cannot believe it, we will trust in God, & take courage

July 5th

Since the commencement of our letter by the blessing of Providence our Church has been permitted to meet together again a distance of 20 miles from Springfield to celebrate the Lords Supper the season was solemn & interesting the people assembled at an early hour when it was ascertained that it would be impossible for them to get into the house we accordingly repaired to a grove a little distance off where an able discourse was delivered by Mr Bergin to a very large & respectable assembly many of whom sat in tears during the time of service two were added to the church ~~& many more are under deep conviction~~ Oh may the time soon come when the wilderness shall bud & blossom as the Rose

Your friends in the Lord

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John Moore
Isaiah Stillman
John N. Moore

Elders of the Church

Springfield Ill
July 9

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Rev. Absalom Peters.
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[Bergen Rev. John]

Springfield Aug. 8th 1829

Rev & Dear Sir

I received a letter a few days since from the Rev. Mr. Ellis respecting Mr Thomas Lippincott a licentiate of this Pby as to the propriety of his being appointed a missionary in this state by the A. H. M. S. We are partly strangers to each other. We have a personal acquaintance at Pby this spring when I heard him preach; he was also in this place visiting some friends last May, he preached twice, I was pleased with him as a man, Christian & preacher and so I believe the [illegible] are which have heard him. I believe his qualifications, experience & aptness to teach will qualify him for usefulness in the Country. My distance from the other members of the executive Committee of our infant missionary society renders it inconvenient to consult them. I have therefore [illegible] to give you the best information [illegible] the best opportunity [illegible] who knows him I can; besides Mr. Ellis is with you [illegible] I enclose to you a letter from Judge Lockwood a gentleman of the first standing & respectability in this state who resided a number of years at Edwardsville & is thoroughly acquainted with Mr Lippincott you will see what he says & your own wisdom will direct. Mr Lippincott is desirous of leaving Madison Co. & I think he judges wisely chiefly because there he has spent a number of years not as a minister & now he has no pecuniary [illegible] to keep him there having lost his [illegible] in consequence of his principal being superseded by another officer of the new administration. He would be pleased to go to Tazewell Co. about 80 miles north ~~[illegible]~~ from this. [illegible] your commission [illegible] & direct him there. do not fail to appoint another for Madison Co. Next week I [illegible] if possible without delay but at present probably be [illegible]. We have intended to go up to Tazewell [illegible] sickness in our family [illegible] at present [illegible] uncommonly poor health. one of our eldest children has

now been confined a week with a fever of prodigious
strength. The Lord visit us with mercy in affliction. I
returned two weeks since from a tour across the [illegible] ri-
=ver to Fulton Co. whither I had gone at the call of the
church there to come over & help them; I preached
every day, but one, while I was gone & some days twice
received three members on examination & public profes-
=sion, baptized one adult & six children & administered
the Lord's supper to our little flock in presence of a
large & solemn assembly; preached at Lewistown in
behalf of their county Bible So. & at Canton where
they have a small but good Sab. school where most of
behalf of the Sab. Sch. in
their children were collected in
=terest. If you suppose Canton to be the principal place in
that county as I suppose you do from your publica-
=tions, you are mistaken. there are not more than 5
houses in what they call their town. the country for
many miles around it is remarkably fine & inviting;
Mr. Jack our elder there is an excellent man; Canton is about
15 miles north east from Lewistown. The latter place is the
county seat & contains about 25 dwelling houses. Mr. Pro-
=ctor our other elder lives there, he is a man of strong
mind, considerable property & takes a deep interest in every
thing for the church, he would be glad to receive
communications from you & to have you consider Lewis-
=ton at least of as much importance as Canton. The Rev. Mr. Smith
I believe from the Connecticut M. S. spent most of last winter in
Fulton Co. is now in Missouri, returns to the east in ~~the~~ autumn
but is expected to come back without going to Fulton;
if the church there cannot calculate on this, & they in-
=tend to write to him immediately they will apply to
you for a minister. They ought to have an able faith-
=ful man ~~there~~ now to aid them in the beginning & to
prevent a train of formidable prejudices against not so
much the people as ~~against~~ [illegible] for the same
reason we ought to have a man in Lewistown. This will
soon be one of the most important counties in the state, for
~~situation~~ the excellence of its soil climate & water &
water course in which it is not excelled by any. It adjoins
what are called the Rapids of the Ill. river, the head of
its uninterrupted navigation [illegible]

in the vicinity where the canal to be laid thro' face wide
intersect the Ill. joining its waters with those of Michi-
=gan. Green Co. has been too too long without our influ-
=ence upon it. This county Sangamon has suffered im-
=measurably from it & our cause & influence have suf-
=fered equally with it. A lying spirit, bold & unblush-
=ing has gone wide over the land against all that
is called Presbyterian. A Presbyterian minister who comes
here, must come prepared to expect that almost all who
come to hear him preach, come expecting to hear ~~him preach~~
direct fatalism, election to salvation no matter what a man
believes or does, particular or limited atonement, natural
inability, & no matter how a man lives if he only believes
he was once converted. My dear Sir you would perhaps
be astonished to see on the countenances of most of our
hearers in this country marks of surprise so evident
as not to be mistaken, while they hear from the mouth of a
Pby. minister infinite love, full atonement, full pro-
=vision all things on the part of heaven ready, free & free
invitations, that God requires of us nothing but duty, nothing
but what we could do if we were disposed, that nothing but
what is criminal on our part prevents us from loving
God as we ought, repenting of our sins & believing in L. J. unto
eternal life. I am persuaded that all Ch. needs to be made
[illegible] purpose on it if it must be sustained
But you may [illegible] is to be known in some time to come
We have now things in readi-
=ness for commencing our Sab. S. & Bible class exercises in the
[illegible] attempts have been
made three times before in several years past wh. now
been inefficient & unprepared [illegible]
making it up hill business. We have our books for a S.S.
Library & Jackson's questions &c &c — There is a Bible Society
in this county. They have lately appointed me
treasurer of it. Their former treasurer had collected by
annuities & sales of Bibles $40 — wh. he had held more
than four years. The Board had determined to take no
measures to collect it of him for he had as they say
insulted them. I determined to make an effort & have
succeeded. We have also collected other funds or they
are in such a train that I am willing to assume the respon-
=sibility & hereby do authorise you to pay over to the A. B.
S. to the credit of the Sangamon Bible S. the sum of $80.—
& the same shall be allowed by me in settlement with your
[illegible] on the receipt of this you have not forwarded me the
amount wh. I have been expecting & needing some weeks,
I trust you will not deduct from it the above sum — My
paper is full but I am not half done — The postage on this letter wh. I forgot to
pay for gave me 25 cents [illegible] do, I know do it — yours in the best bonds
John G. Bergen

Rev. John G. Bergen Spring-field Ill. Aug. 5. 1829 and Saml. D. Lockwood – Recommending Rev. Mr. Lippincott as a Missionary – Resolved that Mr L. be appointed to labor in such places as directed by the Ill. M. S. to receive $400 inclusive of what the people raise.

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Rev. Mr. Abraham Peters
Corresponding Secretary A.H.M.S.
Nassau St. N. 144
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[Bliss, Rev. Stephen]

Wabash Co. Ill. Feb. 27 1829

Mr Absalom Peters
Sec. of A. H. M. Soc.
New York.

Dear Sir, The commission, sent me by the Com. of the A. H. M. Soc. to labour in this part of the vineyard of the Lord, was gratefully recd in due season - I have endeavoured, as far as circumstances would permit, to follow the instructions contained in it. In making a report of my [illegible]bours, I [illegible] much to be done & so little accomplished, it [illegible]ses me to lament that I have so little of the spirit of my divine Master. In Crawford, Lawrence, Wabash & Edwards Counties all contiguous to the Wabash River, there is no presbyterian church except the small church where I labour - In Wayne White, Gallatin & Pope Counties South of this, are six or seven small presbyterian churches, which enjoy but little ministerial labours except from Brother B. F. Spilman who has been so indefatigable in his labours that his health is much impaired - I hope your ~~Soc.~~ Society will soon (I could wish immediately) send one or two faithful missionaries to his assistance. There is pressing need of missionary labours there - In this section of country which I have specifyed lying on or near the Wabash river, are several Baptist, Methodist & Cumberland Presbyterian churches, some in a tolerably flourishing & others in a languishing condition - In this section of country, several Unitarian Societies have also been formed, some of them still in operation & some, merely have a name to live -

The church with which I am connected is small, yet its members are scattered over a large extent of country, sufficient to embrace several parishes in the older States. This makes the work of a minister laborious & much prevents the concentrated exertion of the members of the church - My stated places of preaching are three - two in this Co. & one in Lawrence Co. north of this - to one place four, to another six another seven miles - You will readily perceive that the few sheep here are scattered far over the plains, yet they give evidence of belonging to the fold of the great Shepherd & need to be gathered in & fed with the bread water of life preach statedly on Sab. & occasionally on some other day in the week — attend two stated evening meetings in the week, which are usually conducted as conference or prayer meetings

~~We~~ The monthly concert for prayer is attended, tho the attendance is not so great as would be desirable; or as might be expected in a more dense population — We have a Co. Bib. Soc. Auxiliary to the A B Soc. which has already furnished many families with the scriptures & is in a way, ere long, to supply all the destitute in the Co. — We have had a Co. Sab. Schl. Soc. — funds raised, books procured, the Co. laid off into Sab. Schl. districts, an Agent & Superintendant appointed in each dis. several schools put into operation, but they are now doing but little, & their failure may be attributed principally to a want of suitable persons to conduct them

We have experienced some evident tokens of mercy from the great Head of the Church, who appears to have blest his word & ordinances to the saving benefit of some precious souls — a few give evidence of being translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Redeemer. At our season of communion in Nov. last (brother Butler from Princeton Ind. with me) it was found that eight or ten were convinced that they were lost sinners, & were led by the Spirit anxiously to enquire the way of salvation, five of whom, having since given evidence of being born of the Spirit, have been recd into the communion of the church. About as many more are indulging a hope of pardoned sin — In general there is a more serious & solemn attention to the preaching of the word than formerly

Our little Society are much encouraged & strengthened in their hopes & prospects — their hopes strengthened & their diligence excited in view of the benevolent efforts of our Eastern brethren in our behalf — I have

Since labouring under the patronage of your Soc. baptized two adult persons, eleven infants — five persons on examination have been recd to the communion of the church.

Your Obdt. Servant
Stephen Bliss

P.S. The Home Missionary has been recd with much pleasure & interest, you will please, Sir to continue to send a copy to myself also one copy to Mr Aaron Knapp & one to Mr Thomas Gould — all directed to Centerville P. Off. Wabash Co Ills. & deduct the expense from the salary proposed to me by the Committee

S. B.

[Elders of Wabash]
[BLISS]

To the Committee of the American Home
Missionary Society

We the undersigned would express the grateful acknowledgment of our Church and Society for the aid rendered the year past, in maintaining the preaching of the gospel, and other means of grace enjoyed — The assistance rendered has gladdened our hearts and strengthened our hopes of continueing to enjoy and transmit to our Children the enjoyment of the ordinances of Gods House — Realizing the many, and pressing Calls which are made on your Charity by feeble Churches, we would gladly avoid soliciting any further aid if it were in our power to maintain the stated preaching of the Gospel — we have been rejoiced, and encouraged under the enjoyment of the means of grace, and think we are disposed to exert ourselves to the extent of our ability to maintain them. We are still weak and dependent. Some additions have of late, been made to our Church, but in general of such a nature as not to add materially to the ~~[illegible]~~ pecuniary and ability of the Society. We are desirous to secure the Ministerial labours of the Rev Mr Bliss as yet we are unable to afford him that support which will enable him to devote himself wholly to the work of the gospel Ministry — with the assistance of one hundred dollars annually for one or two years we can make out a sallary sufficient to secure his labours with us for that length of time (should life and health be spared) and we are encouraged with the hope that ere long we will be able wholly to support the preaching of the gospel — we think that, from one hundred & thirty to one hundred and fifty dollars will be the

Rev Stephen Bliss
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~~Wabash Co. Ill. Nov. 10 – 1829~~

~~Rev. Absalom Peters~~
~~Cor Sec. of the A.H.M.S.~~
~~New york~~

~~Rev. & Dear Sir,~~

~~In taking a review of my ministry while under the patronage of A.H.M.S. – I find much that calls for humility – my zeal so cold, my love so weak, & labours so small contrasted with the vastness of the work necessary, the love of the Saviour exhibited in the gospel & the immense value of the souls around which give no evidence of an inheritance which is incorruptible – I find also much that calls for gratitude, my life & health have been spared so as to enable me to at[illegible] my official duties & fill mo[illegible] of my appoint-[illegible] m[illegible]t especially would I be thankful that the great Head of the church has manifested tokens of regard for the cause of Zion here, in honouring his own institutions, in causing his people to rejoice in smiling upon means of grace & blessing them to the hopeful conversion of several immortal souls.~~

We have not experienced the year past, what is generally termed a special revival; yet the special influences of the Holy Spirit have been evidently operating on the hearts of several, in conveying divine truth to the heart & conscience – Members of the church appear, in some good degree, to be aroused to a sense of christian duty. – Others give evidence of being translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Redeemer. Ten have professed to be born of the Spirit & have been rec'd into the communion ~~of the church~~ – one or two others give evidence of piety & contemplate uniting with the church. – ~~I have [illegible] as particularly to follow the general instructions given in my commission – have nothing special to report relative to the points there referred to, in addition to what is contained in my quarterly reports already made~~

¶ The Co. Bible Soc. have resolved to endeavour to supply every destitute family in the Co. with a Bible, in twelve months. The temperance cause is ~~progressing~~ advancing as fast as can be expected. – the Sab. School cause is not neglected, but I have nothing interesting to report under that head, many obstacles are in the way – we hope & pray for the prosperity of that institution – ~~We have collected no funds for foreign benevolent purposes~~, to be entered on ~~this report~~ –

~~(my residence is yet in a log-cabin, rendered frail by age – the health of my family has evidently been~~ ~~impaired~~ ~~by exposure in it – my attention of late has been somewhat occupied in superintending the erection of a more comfortable building, which we hope soon to occupy)~~

¶ The Church & Society manifest much gratitude for the assistance rendered by your Soc. in maintaining the means of grace.
&

I expect a request from the church, by their elders, for further aid will accompany this & the wants of this little society evidently merit the attention of the benevolent & they are somewhat in an insulated situation, there being no presbyterian church sufficiently near, with which they can divide the labours of a pastor. (The erection & maintainance of moral & benevolent institutions in this place depend almost wholly upon this little society) in these particulars, the continuance of the gospel ministry here appears of vast importance. The importance of having the means of grace continued here have induced me to remain with this people, altho. labouring under some considerable privations — the extent of their ability to raise for the support of my family, in their present condi-
[illegible] would not exceed one hundred & fifty dollars, & am't
labouring hard for their own support
[illegible]ng this some pay annually 20 others 15 & down to 1 dollar

Having collected around me some little conveniences for living, with these prospects, could this people be assisted to the amount of $100 annually for a little, I should still think it my duty to remain with them, hoping & trusting that the Lord would strengthen & build them up so that ere-long they might be able of themselves to maintain the ordinances of the Lord's house —

If convenient, please to transmit to me, by mail the balance due for missionary services - viz. 2 quarters - after deducting for those copies of the A.H.M.S. which I ordered — U.S. paper would be the most current here, & if to make change any small bills must necessarily be sent, bills on banks in the cities of New York or Philadelphia will answer — direct to Centreville Wabash Co. Ill.

Your obedient Servant
Stephen Bliss

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[Ellis, John M]

Jacksonville Jan 3. 1829-

Rev. and Dear Sir,

I am happy to be able to state to you that the Rev. John Matthews has now made the State of Illinois the place of his residence and intends permanently making it the field of his ministerial labors- if sufficient encouragement can be received.- I mentioned in a former letter that Mr. M. was preaching in Kaskaskia.- His intention is to continue there still but wishes to extend his circle of preaching to the surrounding country.- He will need some little aid from your society- which will enable him to effect his object which I think a practicable and desirable one-

The sum which will enable him to do this is he thinks $40 or $50- I hope the committee will see it right- to send him an appointment to labor in Kaskaskia and the surrounding country- allowing $40 or $50 for the first year- I

The reasons for the request are the following.

1 It is greatly desirable that the little church should not be forsaken -

2 - There appears to be good reason to believe that several other churches may be formed within from 30 to 40 miles about Kaskaskia. There are several members living in different settlements who greatly desire to be formed into a church - the same in two or three other places -

The object of these churches is this. - When clergymen of our denomination are passing through that part of the country, they may know where to call - and make appointments. & They are hungry for the bread of life - and it is I should think quite probable, that could these a church formed in St. Clairsbo and have stated preaching once or ~~twice~~ in the months, or oftener that & they might be built up in a few years to do much perhaps the whole to support the gospel among themselves. - They are willing to do something towards supporting the gospel immediately. -

3. These churches are important for the purpose of a medium through which Bibles &

Tracts may be circulated in a large section of the State -

Will you please to send the Home Missionary to Mr James Kerr, Jacksonville Mo
gan County Illinois. -

Yours Dear Sir in the Gospe

Rev. A Peters -

John M Elli

[Baker, David]
[Ellis]

Kaskaskia (Illinois) Jan. 15th 1829.

Sir,

Acknowledging the great obligations the citizens of this State and particularly those of Kaskaskia are under to the American Home Miſsionary Society for their good will and Christian benevolence manifested towards us by sending among us Ministers of the Gospel, I would beg leave to represent that the Revd. John M. Ellis a miſsionary under the direction of that Society, came to this place at the close of the year 1825, and during the succeeding year his labors were divided between this place and Ste. Genevieve, and were so acceptable during that time to us, it was thought, he would be likely, by continuing here another year, to render services more important to the cause in which he was engaged than, by taking his station elsewhere in the State or by an itinerant ministration.

Indeed, so great a desire for his continuance in this place for another year, was manifested, that the writer hereof and several others, encouraged by the prospect of much good being done by him and of their being able to contribute a reasonable proportion towards his support among us, informed him, it was thought two hundred dollars at least could be raised for him in another year to come, and that it was expected and was probable (or words to this effect) several individuals would become responsible to him for that sum: Which communication then made, Mr. Ellis, having observed the loose, immethodical and careleſs manner in which secular as well as ecclesiastical buſineſs is commonly transacted here, understood and received, we believe, as an aſsurance that so much should be paid to him for that year, (1827;) whereas it was not so intended by them, who

Rev. J. M. Ellis Jacksonville, Ill. Jan. 3. 1829
Requesting appointment
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made it, but was meant only as an intimation of what it was then thought they might safely do and probably would do: Yet, so it is, nothing more was said or done in the premises until the year had expired, in which Mr. Ellis had been sick a part of the time, when Mr. Hardy another missionary supplied his place, as is believed, to the entire acceptance of all.

When we attempted to make collections, altho' about two hundred dollars had been subscribed, some, who promised liberally, utterly refused to pay, alledging as a pretext for their refusal the legal, tho' dishonorable excuse that Mr. Ellis did not perform *all* the services he engaged to do, in *propria persona*; some had moved away and some were too indigent to pay, by reason of which and other causes not necessary to be mentioned, there has been paid to him only about one hundred and twenty dollars, a portion of which was paid in services and articles of property at an exorbitant price, those thus paying being aware that Mr. Ellis, if not ignorant of, would feel too much delicacy to dispute the propriety of their charges.

None, who have paid punctually what they promised or have exercised any agency in this business, conceive themselves, under the circumstances attending the transaction, bound by any obligations either legal, honorary or moral to make up this deficiency, even if they were of ability to do so.

Wherefore, it is confidently hoped, because it is believed to be right, that the Society, the premises considered, will make good to Mr. Ellis that wherein we are deficient, and do to him that justice, which, by reason of the misapprehension above stated, and unavoidable and unforeseen occurrences, he is unable to obtain at our hands.

To conclude, I would mention, as it will be doubtless gratifying to the Society to hear, that within the last three years a very sensible reform has been wrought in the morals of this State: Sabbath Schools are almost everywhere established among us and are better attended than their most sanguine friends could have expected: a renovating Spirit is awakened on the subject of religion and pervades the whole country: Many places not long ago theatres of drunkenness, disorder and riot are now the habitations of temperance, peace and devotion: Many, who scoffed at religion, gloried in their shame and blasphemed God, are now humbled at His footstool.

Accept my best wishes for the prosperity of a Society, whose charities are so much needed and felt on the fertile and beautiful plains of Illinois, and believe me to be,

Sir,

your most obt. servt.

David J. Baker.

Revd. Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secretary
of the American Home
Missionary Society ---

[Ellis, Rev. John]

Jacksonville Jan 27. 182

Rev. and Dear Sir,

It is with real satisfaction that I can speak of "something done" for the churches at the west. We have occupied for several weeks the house built for us by the church in this place. It is a convenient frame house with 3 rooms. They are now adding out buildings. Every thing goes on harmoniously and pleasantly with as little vexation as commonly falls to the lot of ministers of the gospel.

What is most needed, at this time, is a suitable meetinghouse. Preaching is held in a schoolhouse but at our common meetings it is usual to see numbers walking homeward, not being able to gain admittance. And this, as the [illegible] increases, is continually becoming a greater evil. We have no place of worship that can accommodate those who would meet for the worship of God on the Sabbath.

Few county towns have risen with a rapidity like that of Jacksonville. Within the last year above a dozen [illegible] frame buildings have been going up, [illegible] of two stories, (one brick,) [illegible]

~~The~~ Seminary is ~~intended~~ for a Theo. department exclusively under the direction of the Presbyterian clergymen in the State.

David J. Baker Esq —
Kaskaskia Ill. — Asking the
Com. to make up to Rev. J. M. Ell
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Style. I have never attempted to count the temporary buildings that are going up almost ev day. Arrangements are making for the buildi of a considerable number of valuable houses next Su mer. There is no danger that this town will sink, after a while like other towns in the extreme western States: for several reasons 1. the country for many miles around is, & was even before the town was laid out thickly settled, i.e. for the western country, with a comparatively wealthy population demanding a town. The reasons why other towns have sunk is that they began to build a town with the view of making an thickly settled country around it but it was ultimately found that the soil of the surrounding country did not justify it. Here entirely the reverse is true. Men come here from other States, for permanent residence after having explored the whole region of the West. And also from other Counties within this State, who have kept themselves unsettled until the great points of business should be ascertained.

I have been thus particular in giving the above account not only for the sake of exhibiting the general prosperity and the prospects of usefulness, — but with the special purpose of showing the need of a meetinghouse. With all this rapid and permanent advancement, we have no place where the people can assemble for the worship of Almighty God, where they can be accommodated. I think that if we had a plain Good meeting house perhaps 40 by 50, it would be but a short time before it would be regularly filled.

It may perhaps reasonably be enquired whether the people cannot build a house for themselves. But you know sir, that the people of this State and particularly of the new counties have little wealth but their farms & industry and enterprize. Their farms are to be paid for & ~~to be [illegible]~~ fenced - almost all are still in their log ~~houses~~ cabins - making arrangements to build as soon as possible. It is next to impossible that they can do much more than they are now doing, yet they will do something. I think $500 could be raised payable next fall. $1500 would be requisite to build such a house as is imperiously needed. It would be economy to build one of the above value, for several reasons - 1. It is needed now - And nothing would tend more to fix the impression forever of the great public benefit of your society than such a commencement.

you will judge.

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It will make the public favourable to our object & willing to promote it. — So that I cannot think it would cost less in the course of a few years than a humbler attempt —

It would be obvious to the counties adjacent and excites emulation to avail themselves of that religious ministration which tends so obviously to public good, This is already beginning to be the case. Thus a great deal more would be done because the people would begin to help themselves — And believe me Sir, all the monies advanced for the churches in Illinois, at this most important juncture, will be realized again with an interest not to be counted by tens nor by fifties, but by hundreds & by thousands — As you have already stated in a letter several months since that you regarded the aid furnished for building meeting-houses, hardly less important than any other mode of advancing the cause at the West, I hope if you still think it deserves the attention, you will give me your thoughts on the subject now, and what may probably be expected from the liberality of eastern friends on this subject —

I regret to say that the meeting house in Springfield has been delayed & must now be put off till Spring, on account of the failure of the contractor after every preparation has been made for him by the people & part of the materials purchased. They are now enlarging their subscription for carrying forward the undertaking in the Spring.

God is sending forth laborers in answer to prayer. Another young ~~Lewis H. Watson~~ man of good promise Lewis H. Watson licensed a few months since by our Presbytery, (Oct 8.) now offers his services to your society for the coming year. He has for about 5 years had the ministry in view, has been for several years under the care of this Presbytery. He is a young man of talents and piety and strong good sense. A native of South Carolina, but has resided perhaps 10 years at the west and by that means has, from his acquaintance with the country, important qualification for a laborer in the West. I feel great confidence in recommending him to your society. He requests a commission for one year. He will be satisfied with $300, deducting from it what may be received from the people. I have seen Br.

you will judge

Hardy since Mr. Watson was here— On asking him what he supposed would be proper for Mr W. he replied without knowing what had been said; $300— Mr. W. has a small family, wife & child— but without property having exhausted much in prosecuting his studies— His labors are expected to be principally in the Military tract, but it is thought desirable that the terms of his commission should include Greene, Morgan & Sangamo, ~~counties~~ for occasional service—

~~Jacksonville, Illinois.~~ The second week in Jan. a presbytery was organized in this State, having been divided from Mo. by the Synod of Oct last. The Presbytery now consists of seven clergymen— Mr. Bergen with one or two others are yet to join. We have also two licentiates. ~~Mr Watson & Mr [illegible]~~ — We thank God and take courage—

Dr. R. G. Taylor requests that the Home Missionary may be sent him, beginning from the first— Will you also send a copy, commencing from the beginning to Mr Millot Ellis, Jaffrey, N.H.— and to John Allen Esqr Greene Co. Illinois— for these I will be accountable— Will you please to request the Mr. Dickinson to send a copy of the Natl. Preacher to Dr. R. G. Taylor, Mo. the Illinois

Mr. Potts of St. Louis in a recent conversation gave it as his opinion (& it was a suggestion entirely from his own reflection) that considering all things, he could not feel that Missouri had any claims that should be urged against other more promising fields of labor for more than 2 missionaries besides those already laboring in that field — I have thought proper to mention this as Mr P being not in correspondence with your Society — I have reason to consider Mr P. as a Man of correct judgment & devoted piety — The church at St Louis is in a [illegible] condition under his ministry —

Mr. P. observed of the Rev. H. C— that it was very doubtful whether the churches up the Missouri would receive him, as they partook so much of the feelings of the church at St Louis — I heard also from another individual in St Louis, that Mr ~~[illegible]~~ expressed intention of going to Galena in Illinois — Had it not been for this I probably should never have felt it my duty to allude to that painful subject of Mr C's difficulties & conduct — Hoping that he might still be useful in Mo. I consider & you will probably find that the influence of your Society suffered greatly in Mo. —

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If you think it good send the letter for publication of any part of this it is at your disposal J. M. E.

Jacksonville Morgan Co. Illinois Feb. 13. 1829

Revd. & Dear Sir —

Yours of Oct 1st was duly received and but for numerous & very pressing duties would have been answered before this — Accept my thanks for your christian sympathy, & for the encouraging tone of your letter — It is subject of devout praise to God that so deep an interest is awakened generally in behalf of the West — Though we have not a personal acquaintance your enquiries will be not less cheerfully answered — They are in general such as I had just taken resolution to communicate to the friends at the East — and for the very reasons that induced you to write, namely the satisfaction of those who may wish to come to the West — either to improve their situation or to enlarge their sphere of usefulness — With regard to the former it is to me matter of surprise that men from the North & East are so slow to avail themselves of their share of this land of unexampled fruitfulness & promise — Never certainly have they been less true to themselves in seeking a secular advantage — Thousands of instances are known here of men, who, but a few years ago, came to this country, with nothing scarcely but their families & their hands — but now are in possession of excellent farms, comfortable dwellings, large stock — & pleasant prospects — To those who would come here to be useful it may truly be said; that rarely, if ever, has there been a more ample field, more urgent need, or a happier opportunity — I was glad to find in your letter the following statement, namely. "I am persuaded that there are some good men, who if prospects should appear favourable, would rejoice to remove into that part of the country, and whose aid, and usefulness in the church would be of vast importance, especially at this early period" — This opinion is extremely correct — Almost all our churches at the West were gathered & built up just in this way — I could point you to a man who has removed now the fourth time to aid in building up the churches on our frontiers, as Zion has enlarged her borders — He came, an old man, a few years since, to this State, and settled in a place where none of our denomination at that time resided; and now there is gathered around him partly from emigration and partly from a revival of religion, the largest collection of presbyterians within the State — Over part of these a young man from Andover Theo. Semy. has recently been settled as pastor — I could point you to another layman from Connecticut, who in the course of 4 or 5 years, has built a meetinghouse — (frame, lathed & plaistered with a handsome pulpit,) and has been the means of gathering a church where none I believe, of any denomination existed before — & a Sunday-school perhaps the best in the State — yet another from Mass. who is about doing the same — Two others from N.Y. & N.H. with similar prospects — Churches already formed & sabbath schools in operation — These will serve for a specimen — would all christians revert to the plan of Colonizing Churches, carrying forward the principle from the Old states to the New-Ones, in the same manner as from one part of the cities to newer or more destitute parts, there can probably be no mistake in the opinion that they would find the result, equally important and there are few things I should more dread than to expose your operations in this State to the causes of its injury in Mo-- If you require particulars I shall feel it my duty, tho' a most painful one, to give them

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Our church now consists of about forty. All I hear from Br. Bergen in Springfield is encouraging.

Yours truly &c,

John M. Ellis

Rev. A. Peters

and no less happily successful than the experiment has proved in those climes. What we see at the West can scarcely fail to produce the conviction that every pious, efficient layman in laying the foundation of the church in this deeply interesting country are really doing more for the interest of Zion than many Clergymen at the East— Here every thing is to be begun churches founded, meetinghouses built, benevolent Societies organized; and many friendly to these things are not acquainted with the mode of conducting them. There is a large number of men of excellent character within this State who are from different states in the Union, but the moral strength of the community has never yet been so embodied as to act efficiently against the various forms of vice & error, which ever will prevail in every place until Gospel principles are brought to bear upon them from the combined influence of ~~combined~~ organized exertion — The more enlightened part of the community are anxious to cooperate thus with emigrants from the East, in their labours of love— No one can immagine the importance of these things without reflecting upon the present state of this unformed mass of moral intellect. Qualities which must soon yield to the plastic hand of existing circumstances to mould it into firm & unalterable character. O that I could impress on the minds of evangelical christians of every order, the importance & the duty of coming to this State & exhibiting the true christian mode of "holy living" & holy enterprize— Such a service done the church would be worth the labors of a life— I will now answer in a very summary manner, your enquiries— for this is all I have time to do.

1st Price of lands— Congress price $1,,25 pr acre, of course known— Improved land, from $2 to $7 5 The noblest farms I have ever seen,— and in the vicinity of Jacksonville— with perhaps 100 acres under cultivation $7— pr acre— —

2nd Clothing (especially shoes &) beding almost the only portable property advisable to be brought from the East here— Those who should choose to bring more would do well to send it round by way of New Orleans, consigned to Shackford & Ranney St Louis— Care of some agent at New Orleans— remiting the money or engageing to refund it immediately to Shackford & Ranney St Lois.

Mechanics— needed— Almost all kinds but Ship builders— House builders. (principally of brick) must be a great business here for many years— and so of course all kinds of furniture— as few emigrants bring it with them.— Very few good workmen in the country— — — —

The most suitable place where a company of emigrants might be best accommodated, my opinion is morgan County— 4 miles west of Jacksonville on a ridge ~~at~~ in the prairie, most if not all of which is unentered— i.e. about 4 sections= 320 acres every foot of which of a soil 1½ to three feet deep as beautiful as can well be imagined— timber may be entered also within 2½ & 3 miles distant— price $1,25 pr acre to $8 5— on this there is no improvement— It is perfectly smooth as the finest meadow with a ~~ridge~~ noble swell or ridge of the finest rolling prairie — Other parts of the county in various places— But if the company be large they would wish to buy several contiguous improvements— at the price above stated — With regard to this subject— however just immagine in this

Garden of *America*, the Villages to be 30 or 40 miles apart, and compare + with the Older States in which with all their comparative barrenness – you have a considerable Village one in every 4, 5 or 6 miles — I should suppose there are 20 places (perhaps 100) in the State in which companies might be advantageously situated, But for further particulars permit me to refer you to Dr Chandler & Dr H. G. Taylor both living in Jacksonville & both members in our church – who have a willingness to attend to any further enquiries — Within *one* County (or more) – more or less distributed through the whole of the 3 Counties, namely Morgan, Green & Sangamo — such a company as you describe might shed forth a savor of Godliness, of most salutary tendency – And so indeed they might in the Military tract so called north of Illinois river.

I have not time to give you *geographical sketches of the country*, farther than to say – we have no appearance of mountains, except such as are occasioned by the rocky declivity or precipices called Bluffs, which join the river bottoms with the high land or prairies – In the northern counties which you saw mentioned in the "Home Missionary" these prairies are called the high rolling prairies i,e. having an undulating surface resembling the mountain swell of the Ocean when a calm has succeeded a tremendous storm – so perfectly smooth that you may drive a carriage any where as on a plane, except where you are met by the numerous creeks that flow a long between these swells or ridges – In some parts of the State they resemble the Ocean also in size being from 20 to 50 miles in length so that the eye cannot discover the timber or wood which is to receive you after crossing the apparently boundless expance before you.

Generally, the prairies and wood or groves, meet each other at the distance of from 2 to 6 or 8 miles — The prairies are healthy —

The soil is alluvial a rich loam of the depth of from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 feet deep of extreme fineness — *Timber* – This is Oak, & walnut, of the former almost every species except the live oak – of the hickory or walnut, several species – Sugar maple, cherry, Elm, Ash, Mulbury, and a great variety of others — *Other natural productions* – The grape in great abundance – plumbs &c — *Animals* – The prairie wolf – resembling the fox, the Opossum & others as in Newyork — The *prairie fowl*, resembling the patridge or pheasant Quail – numerous others as in Newyork —

Reptiles – The rattle snake – but not numerous – I have seen one in the course of three years — Copperhead, scarce — *Insects*, Numerous species of insects, curious & beautiful, but not noxious, except the prairie fly – but these decrease with the increase of settlements – The muskeetoe troublesom only on the bottoms — With regard to the general health of Illinois I am satisfied that there is not in general more suffering from sickness than in Newyork or New England — New England people, by coming in the fall, & avoiding the bottoms enjoy health – Best route to Illinois, I should say from Pittsburgh – follow the course of the National road as far as Indianapolis, thence to & thence to Springfield in Sangamo – Should other enquiries be nessary I should be happy to oblige you – wishing you the Divine direction & blessing, I am yours &c – John M. Ellis –

A Coppy —

(In a Note) Says Mr. E. I have just learned that 20 Sections = 1600 acres may be obtained in the North part of this county at about $2 - pr. acre - with considerable improvements upon them - It is of great importance that the land be secured within a few months - i.e. the sooner the better, much better.

J. M. Ellis
Jacksonville, Illinois.
Feb. 13, 1829.

From Revd. J. M. Ellis
Jacksonville Morgan Co
Illinois March 17—
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Revd. Ebenr. Hebard
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[Ellis, Rev. John]

Jacksonville April 4. 1829 —

Rev. and Dear Sir.

In presenting this report I have to remark that there appears to have been, since I last wrote, a steady progress in the interest of Zion among the people where I have been constantly laboring. The progress of vice however is also but too manifest — especially that of intemperance and its usual attendents. Profane Swearing & Sabbath breaking. This is not countenanced nor generally practised by the residents in town or its immediate vicinity; but several dram-shops having been recently opened afford a harbour for idle, intemperate persons for 20 or 30 miles around. Some good has been done by the circulation of such tracts, as Kittredge's Address. — & the publications of the A. T. S. on the subject of intemperance. There are many excellent men in this State who feel right on this subject; but the correct moral feeling that exists in the community, has never yet been so embodied ~~as~~ as to act efficiently in any of those benevolent enterprises that distinguish the present day. Yet there is manifestly an encouraging advancement. Tho' the progress must be slow from obstacles that do not exist in the older states, untill an agent can be sent with books, tracts &c. to prosecute the object agreeably to a recent request received by you from a writer in Illinois. —

The recent meeting of the Presbytery lately constituted in this State has produced additional encouragement that the time to favor Zion in this region has come. It was a harmonious, interesting meeting. Brother Bergen was admitted and soon convinced us how much we were to be benefited by him as an experienced presbyterian.

Among other proceedings of Presbytery was the recommendation to form a ~~Sta~~ State Home Missionary Society auxiliary to the A. H. M. S. ~~[illegible]~~ Such a society was accordingly formed - and the following persons were chosen officers viz -

Rev John G. Bergen - President -

Rev. John Matthews
" John Brich
" Stephen Bliss
James Kerr Esq -
Wm Collins Esq. -
} Vice Presidents - and -

J. M. Ellis, Cor. Sec.
Do. H. G. Taylor, Treas.

The constitution adopted was that recommended to "Larger Societies" in The Second Report of the A. H. M. S. - Increasing the number of Vice Presidents in order with the greater certainty to have a quorum. The necessity of this measure originated in the great distance which some of the members would have to travel. No other alteration was made.

The collection taken up was not large - but sufficient to authorize the publication of an address to the Churches and the Public - accompanied with constitution &c - to be prepared by a committee appointed for the purpose

The Sabbath which occurred during the Session of Presbytery, was an interesting day. — Though an inclement day, the "little log School house" was filled to overflowing so that it was found necessary to divide the congregation, — one of the ministers preached at a private house. — The Lord's table was surrounded by communicants, from three different denominations of Christians. — It was a scene of deep and solemn interest. — They mingled their prayers & praises, and tears together at the table of their common Lord, and I trust with acceptance in heaven. — I shall ~~[illegible]~~ not express all their feelings when I say that the friends of Missions are encouraged in view of the transactions of the week. — They remember that eight or nine years this fertile soil was trod only by the foot of the savage and the passing traveller — and they remember the years that they wept as they thought, almost in vain over the desolations of Zion — and now here are flourishing churches — and a presbytery of 8 members & two licentiates; — with one or two other ministers of our denomination laboring in different parts of the State. — It would give you pleasure, it would give the patrons of your Society pleasure to witness the good they have been the means of doing and the gratitude this success has excited in the bosoms of many who have long waited for the consolation of Israel in this interesting portion of the vineyard. —

I hope to have the happiness to see you face to face & confer more particularly on the interests of the church, in the course of a few weeks, "Deo volente." — To morrow week I expect to set out on my way to Philadelphia, as Commissioner to the General Assembly. — And I hope if possible to be present at New York to attend the Anniversary of your Soc. — I have been appointed on an agency; also in behalf of the contemplated

Seminary in this town — both on the part of the Trustees and also of the Presbytery in behalf of the Theol. interests of the institution — And shall expect to make a tour through some of the New England States — And if you think that service could be rendered to the A. H. M. S. particularly by giving me an agency I should be willing to accept &c — Since writing the above, the proposal of Union from

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New Haven have been received — There seems nothing in the way of their immediate adoption —

You may possibly have been surprised and no doubt pained at seeing the notice given in my last — respecting Rev. H. C. — few things ever ~~have~~ caused greater pain to my own feelings, from various ~~&c~~ & obvious reasons — but in giving it I not only discharged what seemed to myself a conscientious duty — but I also acted agreeably to the judgment and advice of Brothers Hardy and Bergen & others —

The amount of $4.22 — monthly concert collections — is given to the Treasurer of the A. H. M. S — and may be placed to my account ~~in~~ your books.

Also — $1.00 — a donation from Mr. N. Jones. Canton, Fulton Co. —

Rev. Absalom Peters Cor. Sec.
A. H. M. S —

Yours Dear Brother in Christ
John M. Ellis

[Hardy, Solom

Bond County Ill Feb 24th 1829.

nd Dear Sir

At the time when the last qarter of my labours ~~of~~ in the employment of your society expir[illegible] I was away from home, and so much hav[illegible] I been eng[illegible]d in other avocations that I have sca[illegible]ound an opportunity to write till the present time.

At the time when the Presbytery met in this place, ~~I had succeeded so well in gaining the affection and the confidence~~ of the churches of Greenville and Shoal Creek, ~~that they~~ presented me a call to settle with them as their pastor. ~~the~~ I accepted the call and was installed ~~pastor of said churches~~ Oct 12th 1828.

The sermon was preached by Rev ~~John Matt~~ Thomas K Durfee of Callaway County Mo. Charge to the pastor by Rev John Mathews of Kaskaskia; Charge to the people by Rev John M Ellis of Jacksonville. The exercises were to me solemn and interesting, and I believe they were so to the people. From the meeting of Presbytery I went ~~the~~ to the meeting of Synod at Vincennes where we had a pleasant and profitable season. There was a revival of religion in the place and above sixty persons came forward and partook of the Lord's supper for the first time. From Vincennes I rode to St Louis, to assist in the ordaination of Br Potts. From St Louis I passed up ~~to~~ through Greene and Morgan counties to Fulton County, to visit the little church which Br Ellis formed there last Spring. On my way I preached in Carrolton Greene Co. and assisted Br Ellis in administering the Sacrament at Jacksonville. I think my visit to Fulton was ~~[illegible]~~ seasonable. On my return I preach in Sangamon Co at one end of the Congregation there.

The people of Shoal Creek Church made a ~~subsciptn~~ subscription of 43 dollars for my devises among them before my installat ion from Miss A S Edgerton of Wheeling tha 46 dollars which I have appropriated to my and hereby give credit for the same to your Society. I was Installed before my last quarter was out and arrangements were made for my future support. I shall therefore make no ~~draught~~ draft for the last quarter of my mission: But you may consider this letter a receipt in full to the time of my Instalation.

The people in these two churches have done what they could for me and in their call have obligated themselves to pay me one hundred and eighty five dollars per annum, "relying on " "the aid of the American Home Missionary Society" "for one hundred and fifteen dollars more ~~till~~ "annually, till such time as they shall be" "able to raise their subscription to 300 dollars" "per year". In behalf of the churches I write for ~~the renewal~~ a new commission should you see cause to grant it.

[See Home Miss. vol. I page 168]

The description which Father Ball has given, of the Presbyterians in the western country is more or less applicable to the churches here. Some I think are hoping and praying for better times. The most that I see encouraging at present is that animosities are not so strong as formerly. And that the churches are getting into a better train of operations generally.—

~~I still can keep up the hope that God will sooner or later by of his own means and make it effectual~~

~~The~~ Their prospects, ~~of the church in this State~~ I think, are more flattering than they have been heretofore. We had only five presbyterian preachers when I came into the state; now we have double that number. A missionary might be profitably employed &

on. ~~a Missionary might be profitably employed~~ and ~~that~~ a church ~~might~~ formed in the region of Belleville, ~~&c~~ St. Clair County, and another in the Military tract. ~~Br. Hoase smith is already in in the tract but more labour than he can perform is needed~~. I am told that there are materials for the formation of a church in Adams County. The Military tract I think important. It deserves the attention of your Society. It is a fertile tract between the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, and is settling fast by eastern people many of whom ~~have~~ paid for their lands before they come into the country. I would be glad if some one of the older states would adopt that tract, as Connecticut di the reserve in Ohio.-

Some one ought to go to Galena. Tha I have been informed that Br Chamberlain contemplates going there, It is believed that prejudices in Mo. are so strong against him, that the churches will not receive him, I regret that it is so, and I fear that his reception in this State will be no better. Of the difficulties which Br C has had I know nothing personally, and therefore cannot state facts. But such a strong prejudice exists against him that I am persuaded the members of Illinois Presbytery will not fall with him.

I have hitherto been cautious about stating facts relative to this country, and even now I hardly feel prepared to make them. I think the letter of Rev John S Ball &c published in the last number of the Home Missionary is the best communication I have seen on that subject.

Yours &c
Solomon Hardy

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[Hardy, Solomon]

Greenville Bond Co Ill May 11th 1829

Rev. and Dear Sir

Yours of April 8th enclosing my commission has just reached me. The kindness of the committee in granting us aid is felt by myself and, will, no doubt, be felt by my people. as soon as they become acquainted with it.

I will now proceed to report, for the ~~two~~ first two quarters of my labours.

The latter part of the fall and former ~~part~~ part of the winter, I spent ~~in travelling~~ more time in travelling than usual, Immediately after my insallation I started for Vincenes Ia. to attend ~~[illegible]~~ the meeting of the Synod. There was quite a revival in that place at that time as Br Alexander has probably informed you. ~~From~~ From Vincenes I went to St. Louis to attend the ordination of Mr Potts. ~~From~~ St Louis ~~[illegible]~~ I went to Fulton County to visit the little Church which was organized there by Br Ellis the last season, On my way, I preached at Carrolton in Green County, No remarkable seriousness appeared, Green is much of it a rich County of land, There is a Presbyterian church there which contains a good number of members, for a ch in this country, and needs a preacher, There are according to the best information I have obtained, about 20 ~~distalaries~~ distilleries in that County, which are employed in the benevolent occupation of turning Indian corn ~~into~~ into "medicine".

On my way I called at Jacksonville and spent the Sabbath with Br Ellis Morgan is a fine County and Jacksonville is a flourishing place. I visited the site of our contemplated Seminary of learning, and was pleased with it. On Sabbath day was a communion season. There appeared to be some feeling in the ch.

I spent one sabbath in Fulton Co and, several days in the week, preached six times and I believe, did something towards strengthening the hands of the little weak church. The Military Tract, of which Fulton is a part is an important section of the State It lies ~~[illegible]~~

between the Illinois and Mississippi rivers. It is rapidly settling and much of it is very fertile. [illegible] Rev. H Smith now occupies the ground as a Missionary, and it is thought that two Missionaries might be employed there to advantage. There are materials at Quincy in Adams County for forming a ch. On my way home, I preached in a settlement on Indian Creek, about 18 miles from Springfield, in Sangamon County. It was at the house of one of the elders of Sangamon church that I preached; Springfield is the usual place of worship on the Sabbath.

In my own congregations, nothing of special importance occurred during the first qr of my labours in the service of your Society. At times there seemed to be some feeling in the congregations upon the application of divine truth, but for the most part great coldness prevailed.

The second qr of my labours is rather barren of interest. It was generally a time of coldness among us. It seemed ~~[illegible]~~ difficult to rouse the people to any sense of their situation. I was absent several Sabbaths during that quarter. I preached, I thought, faithfully to my people when at home, but I often felt as though I needed to be strengthen~~ing~~ed for the work ~~Thus far for the report of the~~

Thus much for the report of the two 1st qrs

At present there is more feeling on the subject of religion than I have ever seen before among the people. On the Sabbath before the last there seemed to be more feeling in Shoal Creek Congregation than usual. On Monday the meeting for the monthly concert of prayer was more solemn than ~~usual~~ formerly. The address of Dr Miller for the Feb No of the AHM was read and produced some effect. Yesterday was a communion season at Greenville. Br Spilman attended with me. It was the most solemn season of the kind that I ever witnessed among my people. What ~~may~~ will be the result I know not. May the Lord ~~[illegible]~~ grant us a ~~[illegible]~~ time of refreshing from his presence. I am persuaded however, from the usual dispensations of God's providence that I have more labour to perform before a revival of religion takes place. I begin to feel that I shall have difficulties to encounter, and feelings to sacrifice by and by. I find I am a settled pastor, not a candidate I believe however I am gaining influence over the people, I am not discouraged nor cast down. I trust that I have enlisted in the cause of God and that he will ~~protect~~ support me.

A Sabbath School Union was formed in this County last week, and superintendents, and agents for five schools were appointed. A Sabbath school has been opened in Shoal Creek Church with good promise. I expect there will be one established in Greenville soon

The little church in Vandalia needs a preacher. I think a minister might be useful there

There is a settlement of Presbyterians forming at Union grove above the rapids of the Illinois in the northern part of Tazewell County, where a minister will probably be wanted soon; A minister might be profitably employed in the region of Belleville in St Clair County.

I rejoice to hear that two "prime men" are to be sent out to us by your Society ~~this~~ next fall. I hope more will come. We need help. Br Spilman and myself must administer the ordinances to six churches this season or they must go without. Every ~~thi~~ thing here is to be done de novo; our little churches which have been left destitute, of the stated means of grace are like a shop of tools that has been managed by boys, every thing is out of place and out of order, yet I trust the good seed has been sown, and that with the blessing of God it will produce a crop.

Praying for the prosperity of yourself and
the Society with which you are connected,
I am your friend and Br
Solomon Hardy

Rev A Peters Cor Sec
A.H.M.S 144 Nassau St N.Y.

Rev. Solomon Hardy, Greenville, Ill. – May 11. 1829 – Report of labor – Ministers wanted in Vandalia & Belleville –

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[Hardy, Solomon] Greenville Bond County Ill July 11th 1829.

To Rev. Absalom Peters Cor. Sec. A.H.M.S. No 144 Nassau Street. New York.

Rev and Dear Sir.

As the third quarter of my labors for the present year is just expired I proceed without delay to furnish you with my report.

I have spent the time during my last quarter chiefly with my own people. I have preached to them every sabbath except two. I have supplied the place of Mr Ellis, one sabbath, at Jacksonville. I have also spent one Sabbath and a part of the week preceding ~~at~~ in a settlement on Sugar Creek in Madison County. The ~~sett~~ settlement was formed ten or twelve years ago. It consists chiefly of Presbyterians. Mr Gidings visited it, several times ~~if I mistake not~~ and administered the ordinances. ~~[illegible]~~ Several other missionaries also visited it in former years. Latterly it has been for the most part neglected; and as is common in similar cases the spirit of vital piety has in a great measure declined. I formed a church there consisting of 23 members, administered the Lords Supper and baptised ten children. The church is in ~~[illegible]~~ great need of an able and faithful minister.

In my own churches, there is ~~sometimes~~ at times some ~~p~~ more feeling than usual on the subject of religion. I feel at some times encouraged: and at other times prospects are dark. The monthly concert is attended at times with considerable interest. There are meetings for prayer once a week in the churches. These are sometimes interesting.

I have a Bible Class which meets once ~~in three~~ in a fortnight. The attendance is quite irregular. Perhaps the usual number who attend may be estimated at 20. The County Sab. School Soc. has been reorganised, or rather built de novo. It has five schools under its care. One of these schools is in Greenville, and ~~the other~~ another in Shoal Creek settlement. In each of the above named places there is a day school under good regulations.

I have lately received nearly five hundred dollars worth of Bibles for the State Bible Soc of Illinois. The Standing Committee have appointed Rev J.M. Peck Travelling Agent for the Soc for the term ~~2~~ months. What has been done in the Bible cause in this County you have probably learned by the N.Y. Obs. Our Temperate Society received an accession of ~~several~~ several members last fall. Mr Spilman and myself intend to attend the formation of a Tract Soc. in the course of a few weeks.

I have learned from Mr Tillson that you think of visiting the western country. I think that a visit from you would be beneficial to the cause of Christ. The religious aspect of this country must be learned so much in detail that mere description can not ~~convey~~ afford you adequate information with respect to many things important to be known. Mr Ellis and myself have had some conversation on the subject and our views are alike. Should you come out here I would be very haby see you at my log cabin, or perhaps ~~its~~ a better dwelling as I expect to move into the only framed house except one in Shoal Creek.

Yours &c Solomon Hardy

Rev. Soloman Hardy – Bond Co.
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[Hardy, Rev. Solomon]

~~Greenville Bond County Ill Oct 12th 1829~~

From Rev. Solomon Hardy, Bond Co. Ill.

~~Rev A. Peters, Cor Sec A H M S~~

No 3

Rev and Dear Sir.

My Missionary year has been completed for near three weeks, but owing to the pressure of other business I have not found ~~a~~ any time to address you till the present.

I will now proceed to report to you respecting the last quarter of my labours as a Missionary, and to give you other items of intelligence.

The last quarter has been to me in some respects a very pleasant one. ~~The two individuals if I mistake not, have been recievd~~ two individuals have been received into the church of Shoal Creek on examination since my last letter. Several others manifest some serious concern for the salvation of their souls. We have a weekly prayer meeting in both churches, ~~and~~ in both the monthly concert is attended. NoH

Our Temperance Society held its annual meeting on the 18th of Sept. Twelve male members were added to it during the last year. At the annual meeting we were strengthened by the addition of ten females to our number. The cause of Temperance is gaining ground in this county. Spirit is not now dealt out by the small quantity in the stores as formerly. One store has been recently opened in which ardent spirit finds no quarter ~~on~~ under any pretext whatever.

~~The Bible Society in this County have again apportioned their~~ The Board of the Bible Society have again apportioned their number to the several magistrates districts, in order to ascertain and supply the wants of those who are destitute of the Holy Scriptures. This labour was performed the two last years and must be repeated probably for years to come, on account of the annual influx of population. With all our efforts we are scarcely able to keep pace with the wants of the people.

The Illinois College is advancing as fast as can be expected. The walls were up several weeks ago. The building is expected to be in readiness for the reception of a school in a few weeks

The Presbytery of the Centre of Illinois met at Vandalia on the 10th of this month. ~~The meeting was very pleasant and harmonious. Pious feeling seemed to predominate.~~ The preaching was generally ~~instructive and impressive~~, I trust a good impression was left on the minds of the people: several appeared solicitous about their future state.

As soon as the meeting of the presbytery closed I returned home to attend the meeting of the synod of Indiana at Shoal Creek Church. The meeting was interesting. The synod is much of a business doing body, and but little inclined to make long speeches. There is as much talent and information in this Synod as is common among the same number of ministers in the interior of the older states. and I may add a good share of pious activity and enterprize. The assemblies for publick worship from day to day, were large and attentive. On the Sabbath the meeting was held in a grove; and the audience was ~~very large~~ sufficiently large to have filled one of our largest eastern churchs

Twelve or fourteen were among the anxious.

After the close of Synod our Presbytery held an ~~adj~~ adjourned meeting for the purpose of ordaining Messrs Lippincott and Watson, and both were consecrated to the sacred office. The two young men I think bid fair for usefulness, and the Presbytery have no reason to regret that they have such men to send forth into the field

As my year has come to a close you will probably see my order for one hundred dollars before long the other fifteen I expect will be paid by Mr [illegible] without troubling the Society when it is paid I will forward you a receipt.

Please to lay my case before the Executive Committee that my commission may be renewed with the same sum which was pledged the last year.

Yours in Christ Jesus

Solomon Hardy

Rev. S. Hardy, Greenville
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[Hebard, Ebenezer]

Whitehall April 2d 1829 —

[WHITEHALL]

Revd & Dear Sir —

By the hand of my respected Friend Capt. P. J. H. Myres of this Town I send you a Copy of a Letter from Revd J. M. Ellis one of the Missionaries of the A. H. M. S. — having his approbation to publish any part of it I may think proper — I have ~~hav~~ thought the publication of a part or the whole of the Letter might promote the cause of Religion & as the Newyork Observer may have a more extensive Circulation than the Home Missionary it is possible some extracts in that paper may prove not only entertaining but profitable to many readers — you are at full liberty to make such use of the Letter or any part of it as you may think proper — I expect to take a Dismission from this People in the Course of Next week — (having sold the small place I lately owned in this Parish) and shall with the Leave of Providence remove my family withing a few Weeks from this place on our way to the Western States & we have thought much of Illenois — I have conversed with some & written to others on the Subject — & do feel convinced that it is the duty of Ministers & more private Christians who can to remove into that part of the Lords vineyard & try to be usefull — & now it appears to me is not only a favourable time but a most important period in time to go — If the Board of Missions should think my Services would be of any importance in promoting the object of the Society I am willing to do all in my power as far as God in infinite mercy shall enable me to do — But if the Board see cause to send me a Mission I wish it to be distinctly understood that I wish for no pecuniary aid at present — & if Providence should smile I may never need any temporal reward from the funds of the Society — having been made Steward of a small property the Lord may so smile that I can support myself & family with the very little a poor people might do & still devote myself to the Ministry — I know what the hardships of a new country are — I hope my family are disposed to make some sacrifices to promote the interest of Zion — Some of our children & many of our connections & friends are scattered up & down in the Western States — I have been entertained & I hope edified in reading the Home Missionary which you have so kindly favoured me with & have tried to interest the people in this place in favour of the work — but have not succeeded — at most have been able to make but little impression on their minds — I tried to form a small Branch of the Home Missionary Society among this People but they are indisposed generally — They are as a people abundantly able to support the Gospel among themselves & do considerable to aid the destitute but are not willing to do either at present — Mr. Myres can give you any information which you may wish with respect to myself — There have been some indications of Providence within a short time that it may appear to be my duty to settle & spend the few days I may be allowed to labour in the Lords vineyard in this vicinity — it is not however very likely that will be the case — any service I can perform for the promotion of the cause of Missions at Home or abroad I would cheerfully do with pleasure — please sir to accept the assurance of my sincere esteem & particular friendship —

Ebenr. Hebard —

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Revd Absalom Peters
Newyork — N. Y —
Corresponding Secretary of the American
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[CANTON] Canton Ill Feb 28 1829

Rev Absalom Peters &c

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Present year. I cannot forward the
payment now, for the want of a suita
ble note, as soon as that can be obtained
I will remit it ______

As to religion I have nothing interesting
to communicate - our Church is destitut
e of Preaching, and I fear we shall
continue so untill your Society send
~~send~~ an ambassador for Christ which
I hope and pray will soon be realized —
I think on the whole, Evangelical
religion is Progressing slowly yet percept
able in Illinois, 3 years ago I did not kno
ow of any Preachers in this state.
When now I know of 12 ministers
of the Presbyterian Order — direct the
Home Missionary to ~~C~~ Nathan Jones P.M.
Canton Fulton County Illinois. With Esteem

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[Jones, Nathan]

Canton Ill May 8 1829

Rev Absalom Peters

Dear Sir

Yours of April 1st is received, you may Commence sending the Home Missionary the first of May, I will send you the pay as soon as I can get a suitable note, If I cannot do that, I will call on Stephen B Munn N.Y. city to pay you — I was very Glad to hear the Apointment of Mr Watson to the Military Tract, as Mr Smith has Just left here for the east, tho he talks of returning in the fall, yet it is unsertain — I am the more anxios to have the Gospel Preached hear in its purety when I reflect on the immense population that will be here, in a short time. the health we injoy here will be an inducement as soon as it is generally known in new england, for the sons of the Pilgrims to come hither, I can not see but it is as healthy here as it was in Wardsboro Vermont where I was raised and to give you some knowledge of the growth & extent with a Common Season and Blesing there will be 30,000 Bushels corn raised within 3 miles Canton this season, at the close of the last year no settlements within 150 miles of here

I will do all I can to circulate the Home Missionary in this region

with Esteem

Nathan Jones

[Jones, Nathan]

Canton Ill August 10 1829

Rev Mr Peters Dear Sir

I herein Enclose One dollar for the Home Missionary, for 1829 I am very much entertained by the perusal of it Collumns Particularly the interest felt in the Eastern States at present for the Mississippi Valley. The Rev Mr Bergen and Mr Watson was here the 28 July held a Meeting in Lewistown (the County seat) on Saturday, When 3 persons was examined on the Profession of their faith and was admitted to our Church, on Sunday the Sacrament was administered, for the first time in Lewistown (only on Occationally one) Sermons were appropriate and Solemn, audience was large, and appearance of some feeling, on Monday Mr Bergen Preached in Canton on Sabbath Schools, and Baptised 4 children our Sabbath Schollars was uncommon attentive to the discourse as it was the first we have had on that subject, the next day Mr Bergen Preached in Lewistown on the Bible Cause, and Returned to Sangamon, I gave them 50 cents each, for which I wish the Home So. to credit 1 dollar ——

We feel encouraged, can we only have Preaching our Church have doubled in numbers since it was formed the 20 Sept last. that by persons on the Profession of their faith, we have had only occational Preaching, by Missionarys, I think the Lord is answering the Prayers of his sheep, Scattered in the Wilderness in the comming of the Home Society

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Very Respectfully
Nathan Jones

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May 8

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New York
City

Canton Ill
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Absalom Peters

New York

144 Nassau Street

[Kent, Rec. A.]

Galena Fever Riv[illegible] Ill June 4

De[illegible] Sir

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By the kind Providence of God I was kept in safety amidst the dangers incident to a journey of 2000 miles, and after a quick passage of 18½ days, exclusi[illegible] of 8 days during which I lingered in Missouri, I arrived in this place on the 19th of April and felt that I had more than ordinary occasion for devout thanksgiving to the ~~[illegible]~~ Preserver of men.

~~I sent you a line from St Louis. And~~ After having ~~that~~ St. Louis ~~place~~, I considered myself as having entered into my own broad Diocess and ~~thought I must~~ felt it my duty there to get all the information, ~~people~~ and form acquaintance with all the serious people within my reach; since there is not any Clergyman of any denomination, to my knowledge, on the Mississippi above that city.

I should think ~~that~~ Pike County, Missouri, ~~was~~ an important location for a Missionary. At Clarksville a little village 110 miles above St. Louis I called on Mr Warren ~~Swain~~. They are intelligent eastern people and seem anxious to have preaching. They gave a flattering report of the Sab. School which they established last Summer. I ~~thought~~ proper to promise him the Home Missionary for one year on condition that he would pay the postage and circulate it.

At Louisiana a larger village 10 miles above, I called and left some tracts. Pike County is said to be very good land, to be settling fast and to contain now 2 or 3000 inhabitants. I cannot however give you definite information, for I felt it my duty to proceed as fast as possible to the place of my Destination.

Twenty ~~[illegible]~~ or 30 miles above are 2 other villages Hannibal and Palmyra. The latter is 12 miles off the River, to which I forwarded some tracts by a citizen. From information I thought it might be well to forward the Home Missionary to Henry Snow or Wm Porter who live at Quincy, Adams County Illinois, and who were represented to me as intelligent Presbyterian professors.

At Rock Island 100 miles below this place (at the foot of the upper Rapids) are stationed two companies of soldiers. I was informed that Dr Sprague the surgeon and two families were Presbyterian Professors.

~~Were it not for the tax on my time and purse I have thought it might be well to attend the Indiana Synod which meets at Shoal Creek Greenville 50 miles east of St Louis in Oct. visiting these and other places in my route.~~

During my journey I did not loose sight of the object of my mission and, though the people on these Western Waters are generally disinclined to reading or religious conversation, yet I kept some little volumes in my birth which were read to some extent. I also circulated 3000 pages of tracts among the passengers including those that I left at the various stopping places or sent on shore by serious people.

~~The vices of Sabbath breaking, Profane swearing, the free use of strong drink and the practice of Gambling are very prevalent at least beyond any thing I ever saw. But I never not thought it my duty to make a *direct* attack upon them, from a persuasion that if they were not restrained from respect to the Ministerial character nothing would be gained by incurring their displeasure, Whereas by evincing an affable demeanour and impressing their minds with the conviction that I feel the importance of religion and am tenderly alive to their spiritual welfare, I should take a surer method of securing their esteem and of recommending the Religion I profess & love.~~ ~~And~~ During a passage of 4 or 5 days I found opportunities to converse with many individuals on the subject of personal piety, the result of which Eternity disclose. [Description of Galena. His reception there & in the vicinity.]

On Sabbath morning I stepped ashore at this place, presented the letters kindly furnished me at St Louis, procured a place and preached at 3 o'clock P.M. to about 50 persons. And I ought to say that I have received many tokens of kindness and approbation from the people both of St Louis & this place.

This village of 200 houses is very compactly built on two streets or benches, one about 20 or 30 feet above the other, closely copying the circular direction of Fever River in front and a high bluff of 100 feet immediately in the rear. The Hum of business is heard on the margin of the River while abundant scope is afforded for the display of taste in the little yards and gardens which seem already to be creeping up the steep ascent of the surrounding Hill.

Here are thrown together, like the tenants of the grave yard without any order, people of every country and every character and you may see in one day, Indians, French, Irish, English, Germans, Swiss and Americans, and such a variety of national customs and costumes as are rarely to be met with in any other place. I have been out in the country as far as Dodgeville which is 50 miles distant and 12 miles from the Wisconsin, and preached in 5 different neighbourhoods to Assemblies varying from [illegible] to 150 of whom 3/4 were males and distributed 1,000 pages of [illegible] method of distribution is [illegible] one to each person as they [illegible], which they received with apparent eagerness, I flatter myself that much good will be accomplished by these little heavenly [illegible]

The Rev Mr Dew a respectable Methodist Clergyman has lately arrived and proposes to form a circuit taking Galena in his route. We confidently expect to proceed harmoniously and intend to make such arrangements that this village shall have preaching every Sabbath. A Sab. School is to be commenced next Lord's day but we anticipate many difficulties, one of which is the want of a suitable place for that and for public worship. ~~Brother~~ Mr. ~~Roberts~~ will lend all his aid while he remains.— The Professors of Religion in this country are "few and far between", and ~~their moral aspect~~ may be likened to the blighted and stunted oaks which are thinly scattered over these extensive prairies and seem barely to have survived the fires which annually sweep over the country and threaten to destroy every thing within their reach.

~~Out of 24 Prof. of Dif. Denom. that I have discovered in this village, one half are either not known at all or known only as Backsliders. Thus they remind one of the 10 virgins~~ ~~They are of different denominations~~ ~~And may be adverted to as a beacon to warn the churches to examine whether their Religion is such as will live only in the nurseries they now occupy or whether they could still~~ ~~maintain their~~ ~~flourish, if transplanted to some lonely desert and deprived of all moral culture.~~

~~I have had my eyes on what was said of Mr Turner, And Illinois affords full scope for his active mind, But much as it is at war with my inclinations I am constrained to discourage him from coming to the mines unless to take my place to which I would heartily accede.~~

Embarrassments of the country about Galena

A combination of unpropitious circumstances ~~[illegible]~~ have already produced, & threatens still greater, embarrassments in this place & the adjoining country. The present regulations of Government are oppressive. I should not take it upon me to say that they require too great a proportion of the lead but the requisition that those who live 50 miles out should deliver their tythes here, and the restrictions by which people are prevented from cultivating the soil and are thus made to depend on markets, 1000 miles distant, are oppressive beyond endurance. The Merchants & Smelters have sold their goods on credit to such an unwarrantable extent that the country is become bankrupt. The price of lead is so low that under present disadvantages, it will scarcely pay for digging, smelting & conveying to market. The Waters of the Mississippi are unusually low & seem to threaten a famine both because of the difficulty with which provisions are brought to us and because the lead with which they are to be purchased cannot be transported at least without great additional expense. In addition to this the Capitalists who generally live at a distance are taking the alarm and using oppressive measures to call in their funds. The consequence of all which is that the people are already fast retreating and the present prospect is that but few comparatively will remain here through the winter.

This state of things is certainly to be regretted, for this is a good country a land of hills and vallies and brooks of water, a land possessing great fertility of soil & salubrity of air and a land of unrivalled beauty in appearance, and multitudes would gladly live and die here, if dire necessity did not drive them away. ~~But~~ If encouragement were afforded them to open farms and raise their own provisions, their lead would then supply them with cash, while at the same time their ~~permanent~~ residence in the country would greatly check the prevalence of the fires and thus promote the growth of timber—

But to me there is something so judgement like in this dispensation of Providence as painfully to impress my mind with the denunciations against Israel, ~~[illegible]~~ The language of ~~[illegible]~~ it seems to be, "I will dry up your rivers and lay the land waste.— As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest, because it did not rest in your Sabbaths when ye dwelt upon it." But we hope & pray for

~~This dispensation makes the prospect dark as to any adequate support being received for the preacher [illegible] on this subject nothing has been said to me, Your unworthy Brother [illegible] Kent~~

May the Lord give wisdom and energy and success to [illegible] self and your fellow labourers and may the blessing of many ready to perish be your reward —

Rev. A. Kent Galena Ill. 4th
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[Kent, Rev. A.]

Galena Ill. Aug. 7. 1829

Dear Sir

I suppose it necessary to send you my Robert my Brother and companion in tribulation but your messenger and he that ministered to my wants this is the more trying as I have no man like-minded who will naturally care for our state.

I have felt at times an inclination to accompany him, but then the question has occurred, "With whom wilt thou leave those few sheeps in the Wilderness"

Of these I reckon about 40 of Different Denominations in whose breasts a spark of grace may possible be lodged. and which greatly needs to be cherished. But to do this, I must travel about 100 miles and preach in 15 different places, in order that each one may take a little.

Such a tour I propose to take once in 4 weeks, so long as the same encouragement is afforded, But it is expected that yet a great many more will go down the River this fall. I suppose that such a course will meet the views of the committee provided that Galena is supplied on the Sabbath.

I reproach myself for having so little regard for these sheeps. Oh what feelings would it occasion a Minister of Christ to hear him saying, "The Diseased ye have not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick.

neither have ye bound up that which is broken, neither have ye brought back that which was driven away.

A passage this which needs to be often considered by one that occupies such a post as I now do.

It is true that these sheep do not present so imposing an appearance as the well fed and more highly favoured flocks that are constantly watched and regularly folded by a vigilant under shepherd, but when I think that for them the chief shepherd has shed his own blood, that every one has received his mark and is observed by Him with sleepless vigilance — When I think ~~that~~ tattered and torn as they now appear, yet that ~~each one~~ the meanest is of more value in his esteem than all the crowns and kingdoms of this earth, and the most unlovely is dearer to Him than the infant offspring of the fondest mother — I reproach myself that I take no more pleasure in feeding them.

Mr Robert will make known to you all my st and how I do, and he can inform you whether it is prac ~~ti~~ ticable to form an auxiliary, or in any ~~other~~ way to raise money for my support.

My hopes of forming a church and of erecting a house for divine worship have been disappointed.

The most interesting fact is the present appearan of our embryo Sabbath School, but even this will probab be greatly embarrassed by the removal of schollars and teach

But a brighter day will dawn on this country — the Lord hasten it in his time. Affectionately yours, Aratus Kent

I shall be under the necessity of Drawing on you for money and indeed I think if I get through the year on the Sum allowed I shall deserve some credit for Economy.

I shall not feel much inclination to go by water to attend Synod, if the river continues so low as to make the passage of 20 or 30 Days.

Rev. A Kent, Galena Ill. [illegible]
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[Kent, Rev. Aratus]

~~Galena Ill Nov. 16 1829~~

~~Rev and Dear Sir~~

I thought it my duty to attend the meeting of Synod in Bond county Ill. and I concluded to go on horseback, following the course of the river on my way down, and returning through the interior, that I might visit more destitute settlements.

No II Being provided with money, and tracts and letters, and with blankets where the former would be of no use. I left Galena Sept 29 I rode to Apple River, (15 miles) where I have often preached, thence to Plumb River, (~~12~~ 12 miles) where are 8 families.

Sept 30th In company with ~~the~~ a Guide whom Providence furnished me when I had lost my way I rode (~~43~~ 43 miles) to the first house, 2 miles above the head of the upper Rapids of the Mississippi.

Oct 1st Rode to Farnhamsburgh (18) (eighteen miles) opposite Rock Island Fort, and 2 miles from the junction of Rock & Mississippi Rivers. ~~50~~ Fifty families have settled along the river here within 15 months. visited 6 families and ~~gave~~ distributed tracts.

Oct 3d Preached a Funeral Sermon and made appointments for the Sabbath.

4th Preached on Rock Island to a very attentive congregation of about 75, including Officers and Soldiers. At 3 P.M. on the Illinois shore to about 40. This is a post that merits attention from the Hom. Mis. So. for several reasons — 1. There are about 150 souls connected with the fort including 6 families quite respectable and anxious to have preaching 2. The Island and the Illinois shore present most beautiful healthy and commanding situations, which in a few years will grow into importance. 3. This point of land between Mississippi & Rock Rivers has now come into market and will settle rapidly. It is very healthy and has an excellent soil and an unusual supply of timber. The settlers will find market for their produce from their proximity to the Fort and to the Lead mines which are bounded by these two great rivers. — Coal is found on both these rivers near this spot and in case timber for smelting should be scarce the mineral might be floated down and smelted with coal. Dr [illegible] a Presbyterian & a Surgeon of the Fort remarked "there will be a dense population here in five years". 4 They say they would build a church if they had a preacher, and I think they would give him near half his support immediately, ~~for they offered 5 Dol. a Sabbath to a methodist preacher to supply them and could not obtain him as he was engaged in piloting boats over the rapids. They would as soon have a Presbyterian. they made a collection of 5 dollars for [illegible]~~

Oct 5. Rode 40 miles to Henderson River, ~~Mercer Co~~ no house on the way. I had a precious season for monthly concert. having seen neither biped nor Quadruped during the Day.

6th Followed up the Forks of the River 5 miles gave notice and preached to about ~~25~~ twenty five, though the day was very wet.

7th Went down the river 18 miles collected about 20 persons principally seceders and preached apparently with great acceptance. Proceeded to the mouth of the River to preach again but my appointment did not reach and I could not tarry ~~with~~ without loosing company that I could secure the next day. Between 60 & 80 families have moved ~~in~~ to this River all within 18 months. No presbyterian Preacher has visited them before. They were ready for a tract society.

8th Rode 35 miles and preached in the evening to about 15 souls.

9th Proceeded to the Head of the Lower Rapids, Hancock Co. 10 miles and Preached to about 20 souls. It was a very rainy day. They urged me to stay and spend the Sabbath — about 20 families destitute of Preaching

10th Rode 32 miles and Passed Fort Edwards at the foot of the Lower Rapids. South of this houses are to be found every few miles to St Louis.

11th Sab. Crossed Bear Creek at the peril of my life and rode 10 miles to the settlement, called and preached at the house of the Methodist Preacher since the people were assembled for ~~meeting~~ Public worship Congregation about 40 — This settlement is increasing rapidly.

12th Proceeded to Quincy (Adams Co.) 8 miles, preached in the evening to about 60 persons, This is destined soon to be ~~an~~ very important place

~~They were circulating a paper to raise 100 dollars to encourage a Presbyterian by the name of Porter to preach to them.~~

~~13 Rode in Company with Mr Porter to Mill Creek 10 miles and preached to about 40~~

~~14 Rode to Atlas (Pike County) 30 miles and Preached to about 50 souls, this is a Post that deserves attention, They are able and ~~my~~ Mr Leonard Ross (of Connecticut) to support a Presb. Preacher but neglect to do any thing about it.~~

~~15 Proceeded to Coles grove (Calhoun Co.) 35 miles and collected a Congregation of 40. He~~

~~16 Crossed over to St Charles and lodged with Mr Lindsey~~

~~17 Arrived~~ On my arrival at St Louis, on the 17th ~~and~~ found I had been misinformed ~~concerning~~ the time of the meeting of Synod. but could not regret my tour which was one of more than ordinary interest to me

~~Preached in St Louis in the absence of Mr Potts [illegible]~~

~~and she is doing great good at St Louis. 23 Passed through Alton~~

24 Arrived at Carrolton (Green Co.) and spent Sab. religion very low in this region

26 Went on my way to Jacksonville

27 Walked out to the elegant site of the Ill. College — Called on Mrs Ellis and rode to Springfield Spent the night with Mr Bergen and ~~2d~~ Having obtained the ~~got~~ necessary information I kept on the east side of Ill. River until I arrived, Sabbath Nov. 1 at Union Grove 10 miles below the foot of the Rapids, where is a Presbyterian settlement [redacted]

They seem quite spirited to have preaching and I preached the first sermon in the first meeting house north of the Sangamon River which they have just built. This settlement will demand immediate attention ~~and I heard that [illegible] lifting [illegible] to visit them soon with [illegible] preaching~~. ~~A collection of $8,50~~

About 70 families have moved into this region in a little time, and ~~as~~ being near the route of the Canal it will settle rapidly. ~~This detail may be uninteresting to you. But I must be allowed to make a little comment.~~ I think I may say that the population between ~~[illegible]~~ Sangamon river and the Mines will double every year for sometime. I am gratified to learn that seven young men are coming out, but we shall soon need seventy ~~70~~ times seven ~~7~~, or a great many more. No II

Illinois is indeed in its infancy, but this infant will soon become a giant, and if the infant has imbibed the spirit of Practical infidelity the giant will defend it with the strength of manhood and the deep depravity which "Pride and fulness of bread and abundance of idleness" will generate. We should hardly be behind, if we should tell the Eastern people how easy it is to raise provisions here, but I fear ~~that~~ this will prove their injury. What ~~they~~ Eastern Christians do for us there must be done quickly.

I have nothing of special interest to relate concerning this place, except I have been chafed until I have purchased a house for Sab. School and public worship, on my own responsibility, and drawn on J. W. & R. Leavitt for funds. My limits will not allow of further particulars at present.

I have promised the "Home Missionary" gratis for one year and wish you to forward it { to Adam Ritchey Canton, Fulton Co. one copy —
to John Barrel Rock Island Ill. one copy —
to Henry H. Snow. Quincy Adams Co. one copy —

Adam Ritchey lives on Henderson River but Canton is the nearest Post Office.

I am more than ever impressed with the importance of this post notwithstanding the embarrassments under which I labour and only ~~[illegible]~~ wish to stay here till you can send a better man and give me a humbler place in the same State.

The following ~~sums~~ donations to the Home Miss. Soc. may be charged to me { John Shackford 25 C. R. Roberts 25. Alexis Phelps 5 } $63,50
Collections at Rock Island & at Union Grove 8,50 — in all

Rev Aratus Kent Galena Ill
Nov 16, 1829 — Report of a tour
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My apology for writing so hastily must be my trying situation having been unable since my return to get a fire and a place for study which I hope to remedy by the purchase I have now made. But I was unwilling to delay writing any longer —

Made attended to

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[Lockwood, Rev. James] (LIPPINCOTT)

Springfield July 28. 1829

Dear Sir

Your letter requesting information relative to our Mutual Friend, the Rev. Thos. Lippincott, is just rec.d & I hasten to answer it. It appears from your letter that an application has been made to the H. M. S. to commission our friend to preach the Gospel in our State as a "Missionary" & you ask for information concerning him, As to the "promise of his usefulness as a Minister, his talents, aptness "to teach, his acceptableness — as to his influence "as a man, his efficiency & perseverance & character "his devotedness to the sacred office or to his secular concerns?"

To answer all your questions in detail would occupy more time than I can conveniently spare as I am preparing to move from this place to Jacksonville to-morrow: Necessity therefore compels me to answer generally as to our friend's qualifications in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to which office he has so recently been called.

I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Lippincott since 1821 & have during that time enjoyed much of his society & friendship & I feel authorised in saying as well from personal observation, as the opinions of those who have had equally good opportunities of knowing the man, that, but few men have sustained a fairer or more exalted character, for integrity, worth & piety — He has ever since

our acquaintance been a zealous professor of religion & I am
yet to learn the first act that disgraces the profession
he has made. His life conduct & conversation have
been truly exemplary & I think he has done much
to promote the Redeemer's kingdom in & about Edwards
ville the place of his residence.
His zeal, activity & perseverance in promoting & establishing
Bible & Tract societies & Sunday schools have been
highly praiseworthy & extensively useful.
And it has been his fortunate lot, to have
secured the confidence & esteem, not only of the mem
bers of his own persuasion in religion, but of the
other more numerous sects which divide our
country— In fact, which I think a rare felicity
I am not aware of his ever having given of-
fence to any of the preachers or members of the
Methodist Cumberland Presbyterian & Baptist
denominations & I personally know that he is
highly esteemed by members of each of those denom
inations, as a pious, zealous & useful man.
As it regards his talents, as a preacher, I can
only say that I have heard him preach, but a
few times, as it but a short time since he was
licensed to preach. On each of those occasions he
acquitted himself well. He is tolerably fluent
& a deep vein of piety ran thro' his discourses.
So far as his preaching has elicited remark
it is decidedly favorable. He has preached in
St. Louis, as I am informed, very acceptably.
His talents, altho' not of the highest order, are

however very respectable & I think considerably above mediocrity — His early education as you are aware is defective but I think his general information & his studious habits will be a sufficient guarantee, that religion will not suffer in his hands from ignorance —

In relation to his secular concerns, all I can say is that he is poor, has a large & increasing family & has for many years depended upon the station of a clerk in a Land Office for a support & this poor pittance is about to be taken from him as his employer has been or soon will be removed from Office on account of his political opinions — When that takes place Mr. L. will be wholly without support for himself & family — Should however this means of support not be taken from him, still from what I know of his feelings & wishes, he would gladly relinquish every kind of secular business could he be justified in so doing for the gospell Ministry. To sum up the whole in a few words, I believe Mr. L. eminently qualified as a preacher of the Gospel for this Meridian, that he is persevering & untiringly devoted to religion & that he will be extensively useful, if he is employed as suggested. I would suggest Tazewell county, as an extensive theatre for our friends labours should he be appointed — with sincere respect

your friend

Saml D Lockwood

Rev. John G. Bergen

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[LIPPINCOTT]

Collinsville Madison Co Ill Nov 2d 1829

Rev Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secy Am. H. M. S.

Rev Sir

The church and congregation of Collinsville being desirous of enjoying the stated administrations of the word and ordinances of the Gospel and being unable to afford sufficient support to a Minister, are induced by their inability and the christian benevolence which distinguishes the American Home Missionary Society to apply to your Board for aid —

We have for sometime past attended on the occasional ministrations of Rev Thomas Lippincott, who has recently received ordination from the Centre Presbytery of Illinois, and finding his labors acceptable to the people would ask the Board, if compatible with their views, to grant him a Commission to labor in the County of Madison. Our expectation is to have one half of his labors in this place, and we pledge ourselves to contribute seventy five Dolls for a year. The church at Sugar Creek in this county have expressed a desire of employing Mr Lippincott (with the aid of your Society) another portion of the time.

and a determination to contribute a part towards his support, the amount of which we do not know but have taken measures to ascertain.

The Church at Edwardsville has expressed a similar desire and needs the labors of a Minister but can probably, from the peculiar state of things afford but little towards his support.

We would suggest that a Commission be sent to Mr Lippincott for the year, to labor within this County; and that he pass to the credit of the Society whatever amount he shall receive from the churches here.

If there should be any hesitation in granting him a Commission in consequence of a letter which we understand you have received, respecting his prospects as a clergyman and the utility of his ministerial labors in this Country; we can confidently say, that we believe he would be as acceptably received by the people generally, and that he would labor with as great a prospect of success as any clergyman whom we could obtain.

With the greatest respect and esteem
Yours in Christ
Wm Collins
Horace Look } Elders
Fredk Collins

Elders of Church Collinsville
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Lippincott to labor in Madison
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[redacted]ot] Rock Spring, Illinois, Nov. 10th 1829 [Peck, J.M.]

[redacted] the Rev. Absalom Peters Cor. Sec. Amer. Home Miss Socy

Rev. & dear Sir, By request of a number of my friends, of the Presbyterian church I address you. It is understood here that some person has written to the Home Missionary Society, as a caution against the employment of the Rev. Thomas Lippencott of Edwardsville as a missionary on account of his supposed former [redacted]gagements in political pursuits, by which he [redacted] been rendered unpopular with a portion of the people. I have been intimately acquainted with Mr Lippencott for many years, both before and since he became a preacher of the gospel, and apprehend that, if such a communication has been made, it has been from some mistake.

During the pendency of the question that agitated our State in 1823–4, upon an attempt to remodel our Constitution for the purpose of introducing Slavery, Mr. Lippencott, as did, many other religious men, & even preachers of the gospel of different Society, took an open & manly stand by writing in the papers, which was thought to have produced considerable effect in preventing what almost every religious person viewed as both a moral & political evil, But I never heard any complaint from candid & virtuous [redacted] even of the Slave party, of any impropriety either the subject or Style of his writings. In 1825–6 he was employed as an aſsistant editor of the Edwardsville Spectator, which as an ordinary Newspaper, published political eſsays, but I never heard any just complaint of any improprieties committed in that paper while under his control. Indeed it is a fact pretty well known that the moral, religious, & literary cast given to the paper, made it rather unpopular as a *political* paper, & political patronage was in part withdrawn from it on that alledged ground. Mr L. was clerk of our State Senate one winter, but was elected not as a party man.

For three or four years he was elected by the people of Madison County as Commiſsioner [Judge of the County court,] and on one occasion during the pendency of the Slave question, was supported & elected by a large majority on the party question. In this instance he was brought out by the people, & elected without effort on his part. That he may have some enemies, and that these enemies may be found chiefly amongst those of former opposite political sentiments from him, is saying no more of him than pertains to every preacher of the gospel in Illinois. But that any of these things have made him a leſs acceptable or useful preacher, or leſs proper to be trusted with miſsionary service, is unknown to me. Since he first resolved to devote himself to the ministry he has had nothing to do with politics. He has been employed till a few months past, as a clerk in the Land Office, a buſineſs that neceſsity compelled him to follow to support his family, a buſineſs retired, not perplexing, and as well suited to the character of a preacher as any secular employ. He is now out of buſineſs. Mr L. is cordially receiv-

-ed & beloved by every religious denomination in the State, and is considered as a preacher a man of respectable talents. That he has not received a regular classical education is his misfortune - not his fault. That he is evidently pious, very studious, grave & serious in his deportment, and of what I should call correct theological views, I believe is known to all his friends. Of these things the Centre Presbytery of this State must be satisfied, for they have lately ordained him. I am aware that some of his presbyterian brethren have doubts as to his soundness in the faith. This is easily understood. It is well known that in the Presbyterian, as in the baptist Church to which I belong, a difference of opinion prevails as to certain points of doctrine particularly as to the extent of the Atonement. In this his views would harmonize with most of the evangelical Newengland divines - with the late Andrew Fuller, and many others considered sound in the faith. He has studied Dwights Theology, & expressed himself to me as considering his lectures as one of the best systems of Theology he had ever seen. That he preaches less on the doctrine of election and the sovereignty of God, and more in direct appeals to the conscience & on the practical parts of religion than some ministers, may be true, but this I should consider no drawback upon either his usefulness or qualifications. I understand the churches of Collinsville & of Edwardsville wish to have the benefits of his labours, as do several other settlements where he frequently officiates, and they certainly need help. On the whole I should consider Mr Lippencotts piety, talents, respectability & usefulness, equal to a majority of his brethren in the ministry of Illinois.

The good understanding that has hitherto prevailed betwixt myself and my presbyterian brethren of Illinois, and which I sincerely hope may be perpetuated, has prompted me to be thus frank in expressing my opinion.

With great respect I am yours in the Gospel of our Common Saviour — J. M. Peck

Rev. J. M. Peck. Rock Spring
Ill. Nov 10. 1829. Concerning Rev. Mr. Lippincott
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[Lippincott, Rev. Thomas]

Edwardsville, Illinois. 25 Novem. 1829

Rev.d & Dear Sir —

Your letter of 31 October, conveying a Commission from the American Home Missionary Society to myself under date 28th September, was received by me two days ago. Before you receive this, you will probably have a letter from the Elders of the Presbyterian Church at Collinsville, in this county, requesting the aid of your Society in employing me to labor with them for one half the time — and suggesting that the Churches at Edwardsville and Sugar Creek were desirous of my services for the residue — during a year. The reason for the change in what was supposed to be my wish, in regard to the location of my ministerial services, may be found in the expression of their wishes by these churches. And this may be most concisely explained by saying that the officers of those churches seemed not to be fully apprised, until lately, of the steps necessary to be taken by them, in order to accomplish the object of their desire. Delicacy forbade my acting further than to give them, when they asked it, the needed information. The subject will be laid before the Directors of the Illinois Missionary Society, as soon as may be — and I have no doubt of their approbation. You will please to understand me therefore as requesting — if compatible with your object and opinions — that the Commission your Society has been so good as to send me, may be applicable to the County of Madison. Under the impression that this request will be granted, I shall consider myself as commencing my labors under the Commission, on the first of next Month. —

I beg leave to say that I am not the less solicitous that a Missionary shall be sent immediately to the County of Tazewell — or perhaps under the indefinite instructions given to myself – because I have attended to the call of my neighbors at home. It is natural, and I think not improper, to feel most direct interests within the sphere of one's own immediate acquaintance; and this accounts for my decision. Indeed, where the alternative is to leave one or the other vacant, and both are inviting, I know not any good reason for preferring a removal to a distant place, to preach the gospel to comparative strangers; to continuing where I am, and have been for two years.

The importance of that portion of our State, which lies in the vicinity of the Rapids of Illinois, instead of diminishing has magnified in my view, since my attention was directed thither. I concur with my esteemed brother, Rev. J. M. Ellis, in most if not all the statements in regard to it, made in his letter of July 1828, and published in the Boston Recorder. And I would add that the desire to have a Presbyterian preacher settled among them *early*, seems to be in some proportion to its real importance. This I infer from the repeated messages which have been sent to me on the subject.

There is a subject to which I would allude with caution, as I do with regret. I received information about the latter end of August, that a letter had been written to your Board, or Officers, intimating some reasons for believing that my ministerial usefulness would be hindered in this State. I ask not the name of the writer – nor do I seek to know his motives. Doubtless he was one in whom the Board had confidence, or his communication would have been unheeded – and if so, there ought to be good reasons for believing him upright in his intentions. The object of my inquiry is, *the matter of his information*. I do feel anxious to know what has been said about me; when I consider the very important effect it has had upon my circumstances. I have good reason to believe that, in consequence of the letters received by you, I have been entirely without income, or means to support my numerous family, (excepting a small sum that happened to be in my hands, and for which I have to account,) for three or four months. This would not have been, probably, had I known in time, that the Society hesitated to employ me, for I should have sought secular business. My hearts desire is to labor in the gospel. But if God in His providence order otherwise, I wish to hold myself ready to acquiesce. I think you will pardon me therefore for asking the favor - for I do not wish to insist on the right - of a copy of so much of the letter above mentioned as relates to myself. I repeat - I ask not the Author.

If I have not ~~written~~ to you on this subject before, it is merely because I waited in weekly expectation of seeing Revd J. M. Ellis, who, I had reason to believe knew the facts which I wished to learn. The opportunity afforded by the present communication induced me to speak without further delay.

I do indeed rejoice in the great things that are doing in the East in behalf of our Zion here. May the Lord reward you a thousand fold. Revd Messrs Baldwin & Sturtevant are at Jacksonville - and I hope to see them next week at the meeting of our State Bible Society at Vandalia. Their arrival is hailed by many with great interest. The Seminary at Jacksonville is exciting attention among emigrants of the more intelligent class - and drawing them to that place. It will thus gather strength by means of its own procuring.

I am sorry to say, as an abatement to the pleasure excited by these things, that the speeches of Br Ellis at Andover & Boston, *as reported and published*, give great offence, and are doing incalculable injury here. His friends - and the friends of the institution - have been anxiously hoping that he may soon arrive, with the means and ability to appease the public ferment. They have full confidence in his integrity, and charge the errors almost entirely to the Reporter. May the Lord order all to His own glory. I beg you to accept the assurances of great regard, and pray God to bless your Society and its labors abundantly

Th. Lippincott

Revd Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A H M S.

I have said nothing by way of exculpation, for several reasons. 1. It was necessary to know the charges. 2 the letters which I understand to have been written are, I suppose sufficient. 3 My licensure and subsequent ordination imply satisfaction on the part of Presb'y. and afford an answer. 4. Your Commission a proof that your Exec. Com. is satisfied. I hope I have done with my little self, and am ready to do the work of the Lord.

Rev. Thomas A. Lippincott
Edwardsville Ill, Nov 25. 1829
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[Mathews, John]

Kaskaskia March 30. 1829

Revd A Peters Cor Sec A. H. M. So

Dear Sir

Yours of the 19 of Feb 1829 has been duly received, & in answer to your Enquiries I would beg leave briefly to state

1st That the Church in this place consists at present of 20 Members, 2 Males & 18 Females. One of the male members is not in good standing; the other is a very good man Mr Baker but not very active The members are somewhat scattered some in one Direction & some in another, all walk worthy so far as known to us, some in this place appear to be very interesting characters & walk worthy of the gospel. The character of the men of business here are either sceptical or Universalists & do not of course interest themselves much about preaching. They cannot expect to be much, or long supplyed without Missionary aid. There is no Presbyterian Church in this state nearer than from 60 to 80 miles.

2d I have laboured all my time since last May as attentively as I could with the business of teaching a small english school [illegible] for the principal part of my support which is very confining. For the convenience of the people I preach about 3/4 of my time in town & the rest 5 miles across the river (Occasn) the ferriages are high & it is difficult sometimes to get across &c

the people are the same Church & congregation. Their subscription last year does not exceed 60 or 70 dollars & perhaps it cannot be increased at present. There are 8 or 9 Presbyterians about 40 miles from here very destitute—I am appointed by the P.b.y. to visit them in in June & organize a Church & administer the ordinances to them if practicable. Of which they express much desire—There are; not belonging to this Church also 2 members in another direction who are desirous of preaching for themselves their large family & a few neighbours. To visit these places occasionally, & break to them the bread of life would be my greatest call from this place. It is not expected that either place mentioned could or would, contribute much. I believe what I have now stated answers the third enquery—

As to the fourth Enquiry, My wish is to live & die with this little church there are some very precious lambs of the flock in this pla[illegible] they are not rich in the things of this world but the poor must al[illegible]ave the gospel preached to them. since I have been here & before Mr Ellis left this the constant & unwearied attention to the gospel & to its ordinances, the retrenchments & sacrefices that are made to give me some support, their attendance on the means in sickness & ill health abundantly evince to me how much they prize the gospel Could you Dear Sir see some of them supported (in ill health & sickness) to the solemn assembly when no persuasions could keep them at home you would conclude with me that surely their hearts were there & that they did want to see Jesus. My own worldly circumstances are straitened. I came on to the West 1817 since that time for the most part these hands have ministered to my necessities. Were I now to be called away I could scarcely say that I have a roof under which my beloved wife could shelter. I have been invited to go back to the East, but I thought so my lot was cast here I have had what they call here a seasoning to the climate & where I came from (Penn-a) they could get ten preachers to settle with them for one that would feel disposed to come here. My present expectation is to leave this clay tabernacle with Jenny

Robison & Giddings under the clods of the valley of the Mississippi.
I would further remark that there are some, say two or three who are under serious impressions whom I hope to see yet added to our little company — others are occasionally so; but their impressions are not abiding — In the neighbourhood where I reside (5 miles out of Kas-a) a number of families have discontinued the use of ardent spirits, only as a medicine — their influence begins to be felt. The sunday School is discontinued through the winter in the town &c I shall conclude by requesting for myself & for this little Church, & all these regions round about an interest in your supplications at the throne of God, rich mercy & grace, & join in wishing that grace, mercy & peace from God & the Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy spirit may rest on you & all the officers of your Society & abundantly qualify you for the arduous work & the awfully responsible station you occupy.

The Lord will provide —

Sir

I am yours in the best bonds & in the faith & hope of the gospel

John Mathews

P.S. There are some seceders & Covenanters in these regions. The Covenanters are supplied with a very able & faithful Minister (the Revd Wm Wiley)

J. M.

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Revd A Peters
Cor Sec A H M S
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Rev. John Mathews, Kaskaskia
March 30. 1825 Answer
to Cor. Sec. inquiries of Feb 19.
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[MATTHEWS]

Kaskaskia April 2d. 1829

The undersigned, citizens of the town and vicinity of Kaskaskia, respectfully represent to the "American Home Missionary Society", That the People of this place have, during the year last past, had the Gospel and its ordinances administered to them by the Revd. John Matthews, who resides among them: that they desire he should continue with them another year as their pastor, but their pecuniary circumstances are such and the Congregation here is so small, they will not, in all probability, be able, for some time to come, to raise for him the means of a comfortable support, without imposing upon themselves a burthen heavier than they are willing to bear; and that they have no reason to believe, ~~that~~ more than eighty or a hundred dollars can be conveniently raised, the present year, for the support of the Gospel here. Therefore, any assistance the Society may be disposed to grant towards the support of Mr. Matthews, while he may continue his labors among them as their preacher, and, while also, they may be unable to make for him a competent provision, will be very acceptable to, and gratefully received, by, the friends and well-wishers to the Society in this place.

David J. Baker

Thomas Mather

W. Simonton
Th. J. Vowea
James Clendinen
John Clendinen

D. J. Baker & John Mather
Kaskaskia, asking aid in
support of Rev John Mather
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Revd. Absalom Peters Cor. Sec. of the
American Home Missionary Society.
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[Watkins, Thomas + Co]

[Mathews, John]

Kaskaskia June 20, 1829

Revd Absalom Peters Cor. Sec A. H. M. S.

Revd & Dear Sir

I received your letter of April 27 1829 containing a commission & general instructions in which you request some information respecting my school Nothing could give me more satisfaction than to be freed from such close & constant confinement. My school consists of about 20 schollars @ 8 dollars per schollar per annum which would be in amount $160, but some of it would be difficult to collect, & some of it never. &c

I should much rejoice in any degree of liberation from my daily confinement, & for employment in my official duties there is enough for myself & another. May God direct your board in this business that lies near my heart.

Since I wrote you before we have received two members a lady on certificate & a gentleman on examination, & baptism, aged about 60. His examination was a time of refreshing to my soul, & his public dedication was a solemn day. He has long resided in this place. His habits of morality are good & confirmed, he is a leader in the temperance cause, & very prudent. His convictions were deep & pungent, his hope humble, but strong, & confident & clear some more appear to be serious. I conclude by asking an interest in your prayers, & in the prayers of the thousands of God's Israel in your place, that the God of all mercy & grace would visit us in this dry & barren land.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel John Mathews

Kaskaskia
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Rev.d Absalom Peters

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Rev. John Mathews Kaskaskia
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his Commission, respecting
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[Mathews John]

Kaskaskia july 28, 1829

To the Revd Mr Peters Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.

Revd & Dear Sir

I observe that I am required to report at the end of each quarter to you a succinct account of my labours & any thing else that may be interesting to the board.

I can only state that I have continued to preach regularly two sabaths in town & one in the country— the reason I have preached so often in the country is the Methodist Circuit riders preached every third sabath in town, & on that day I thought it better to be absent as more would be supplied. In town the attention is about as usual. In the country we think it is increasing. We have in the country lately formed a temperance association with about ten or twelve heads of families, & a sabath school is to commence on next sabath, in town it continues as usual— many of the blacks by sunday-school instruction alone can read well in the testament; what use it may be to them God only knows— they attend well Lately I baptised two children for the man who gave himself to God in that ordinance— he appears to hold out well— the family altar is erected & the daily bread is blest— some others have begun to bless the food they eat

I have not formally in a ministerial manner visited any families— I have been at a few houses & have had religious conversation & prayers.

I am still toiling with the fatigue of my school.

I have on hand some bibles English & French; but have given away but a few of the French bibles or Testaments the French are so much afraid of the Priests— We have no tract society, but occasionally lift a collection for that purchase & purchase tracts from the agent at St Louis.

The monthly concert is generally attended to.

I am sincerely yours in the fellowship of the Gospel

John Mathews

Kaskaskia
Aug. 6.

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Revd Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec of the A. Home M. S
New York

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[Mathews, John]

Nov. 6, 1829 Kaskaskia

Revd Absalom Peters Corresponding secretary of the
A. H. M. S.

Dear Sir

Through the months of August & September I have been closely confined to my school: through the last month I have been abroad attending a meeting of our Presbytery at Vandalia. The meeting was pleasant, atleast to me, being removed so far from all my brethren in the ministry. Christians seemed revived & a request came on to synod, to Shoalcreek requesting prayers for a number of anxious souls. The Presbytery ordained two young men Messrs Lipincot & Watson to the whole work of the gospel ministry. After P.b.y. the synod of Indiana met at Shoalcreek (Brother Hardys charge) there was a full meeting & I trust the shout of a King was in the midst even the King of zion. Ministers seemed animated no one willing to resign his post; but all seemed determined to double their diligence. Had you seen on the sabbath the multitude in the thick forest on the brow of a hill you would have recollected Christ teaching on the Mountain. Some of the slain of the Lord were there, crying for mercy. The sunday school in town continues: in this neighbourhood they seem rather discouraged & have discontinued it through the winter. I am happy to state that the cause of temperance rather prevails in this place, tho many on every hand are falling victims to the fell destroyer.

I wrote you immediately on the receipt of your letter, my wish would be to discontinue the school if God in his holy providence should so order, but I have not yet heard from you

My Design is to try to get a going a bible class in this place & one in town this winter.

Sir

I am yours respect & esteem

John Mathews

[Robert, C. R.] (GALINA]

Galena April 26th 1828

Rev. Absalom Peters
Dear Sir

(When about leaving New York last winter you gave me a memorandum, with a request that I would obtain and transmit you all the information in my power respecting the moral & religious condition of the inhabitants of this place and the adjacent country. This mem. I supposed I had among my papers until upon examination I found I was mistaken & that I had packed it up with the Seminary papers returned to N.Y. — I am mortified at being under the necessity of making this confession of inattention and the only apology I can offer is the haste in which I left N[illegible] — However I think I remember a sufficiency of its contents to answer the principal part of the request — ¶ Galena is situated on the ~~east~~ west bank of Fever River (proper name Rive au Fevre) three miles east of the Mississippi, between 42° 30' & 43° N. latitude. It has not yet been determined whether it is just without the northern bound of Illinois or not. — It is not, however, far from the line. ## The number of inhabitants is estimated to be from 1200 to 1500; — the former is probably the most accurate. It is supposed two thirds of them have emigrated hither from various parts of the U. S. and the remainder from Ireland; — the ## last are mostly ~~of~~ ~~them~~ Catholics — the others who profess to be any thing are various; but it is thought ~~[illegible]~~ that a majority of them would prefer a clergyman of the Presbyterian denomination. ## The place

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derives its importance entirely from the extensive & rich mines of Lead on ~~in~~ the vicinity.— The ~~[illegible]~~ U.S. agent, I am informed, reported the quantity of Lead made at the different Smelting establishments situated within* ~~[illegible]~~ 20 miles of this village at 5.000.000 lbs; most, if not all, of which was shipped from here; & the value of which was not less than $200000.— It is estimated that the quantity this year will be nearly doubled.— The diggings, or mines, are scattered over the whole country & from 1 to 40 miles distant from this.— ~~at~~ in which ~~it [illegible]~~ ~~[illegible] there~~ there are now employed from 6, to 7000 persons.— Every Steam Boat brings large numbers, and, it is thought, by the month of July the number will be increased to near, if not quite, 10000.— ¶ There are none of the external or public means of grace here either in town or country — there was at one period a Catholic a ~~[illegible]~~ Priest here, and last Summer a methodist clergyman for a short time — I have been much occupied since my arrival, and have not yet been out in the country, and but ~~very~~ little about the town.— ~~(they [illegible] & can say very little respecting the condition of the population from my own observation — but I think~~ But you can readily imagine what ~~these~~ the situation of the people ~~must~~ be in a moral & religious point of view, from what I have now said. ~~just~~ ¶ ~~above~~ — The Sabbath is not much regarded in the village — the miners do not generally work on that day — I fear, ~~[illegible]~~ not ~~from~~ out of regard to it, ~~but~~ ¶ The number of families in the village is estimated at 100 to 150; the number of children is small in proportion, I am told, not exceeding 50.— There is no School here at present. There was one last Summer of about 30 Schollars.—

¶ I am informed there are a number of persons in the village who are desirous of having a clergyman settled here. There is ~~not any~~ no place of public worship yet erected; ~~though~~ the subject I ~~can not learn~~ ~~the subject~~ of erecting one has been in agitation for some time. But no measures have ~~been adopted~~ been taken to accomplish it. There are some few pious persons in ~~at~~ the place, and a number of others friendly to religion ~~the cause of Christ~~ who I have no doubt, if they had a sensible judicious clergyman to advise & instruct them, would be disposed to cooperate in any measures calculated to improve the condition of the people. A short time since, a person showed me a sub for the purpose of raising funds for the support of a clergyman. When I saw it there were $125 sub by two names and as far as I am able to judge there will be enough raised to support a man for a year at least. There would be a difficulty in obtaining a proper place in which to hold worship as the houses are most of them built of logs and very small, but some persons with whom I have conversed on this subject think this difficulty could be overcome by erecting a temporary building which could be done in a short time. In the sub above named nothing is sd as to the denomination, but it is supposed the Presbyterian wd be preferred. I presume I need say nothing to impress upon your mind the importance of the field opened here to preach the Gospel, & the present population is very small to what it will be in a few years. The whole country east of the Missi from the mouth of Rock River to the Wisconsin is full of lead ore & from what I learn the excavations have scarcely begun. You can form some idea of the rapid growth of this country from one fact. Two years since the population of this place did not exceed 50 Souls - I am young in the Christian life and have but little experience & I am diffident in expressing an opinion as to the requisite qualifications of the person whom it would be best to send here but from what I have already said respecting the population ~~it~~ I presume you I would not ~~be~~ think it good policy to send hither a young & inexperienced man.

Mr. C. R. Roberts
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Rev. Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secretary
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A person in mining here would undergo much privation for a few years or until the County becomes more settled - his fare would be plain, much of the time salt provisions & few or none of the luxuries of life - the climate in this County is healthy, the village cannot be called as far as I am informed unhealthy, - but like most newly settled places subject to Fever & Ague & Billious fever in the fall - I am Sir with much respect Your obt Servant. C. R. Roberts pr Mail direct

[Robert, C. R.]

Galena May 11th 1829

Revd & Dear Sir

Your favor of the 31 March I recd at this place on the 1st Inst — for the kindness of the intention please accept my thanks, altho my seeing Mr Kent at St Louis gave me the information it contained — I found him here on my arrival on the 23 Ult, although he left St Louis three or four ds after me — the boat in which I embarked could not get over the rapids without discharging her cargo, that in which Mr K took his passage, drew but little water and crossed without difficulty, by which means he arrived near a week before me —

Presuming that Mr K will give you all the general information as to his reception, labours and prospects I deem it unnecessary for me to say much respecting them, — thinking however that delicacy might prevent his saying as much about himself as you would wish, I venture to address you a few lines with the hope that they may prove acceptable — On my arrival I was much gratified to find that he was very popular and I think he still continues to be so — As far as I am competent to judge, he possesses that kind of manner and tact, which will enable him to do his duty as a faithfull servant of his Lord & Master without giving offence — he will tell them their duty in such a way that they cannot help but see it — very probably they may not like the admonition or reproof — yet they cannot take exception to the giver of it — I think him an excellent judge of character and of human nature generally — these with the qualifications I have just mentioned are peculiarly necessary for a man to possess who comes to preach the Gospel to this people – Mr K informs me that he likes the place and inhabitants, full as well as he expected from the account I gave him – I am pleased that he does so, as I was unwilling to have him get a more favorable impression from me than he would realize – He does not let these people know that I ~~have any~~ was in the least instrumental (if I was) in getting him here, for from the unpopular Character in which I appear among them (as a collector of debts) if they thought I had any thing to do with it – it would in a measure destroy his popularity and impair his usefulness – You must not think me uncharitable when I say that there are some here who from their conduct appear to think that a man who makes a profession of Religion, must never ask for what is justly his due, – I therefore advise and counsel with Mr K when he wishes to the best of my abilities, but take no active part in their measures for erecting a church, for I feel sensible that my doing so would be an injury – as I fear there are some who would throw obstacles in the way of an object which they thought I was desirous of attaining –

The prospect of getting a house for public worship erected this season is I think very discouraging – there is wealth enough in the place and I think a sufficient amt might be raised by subscription for the purpose if proper persons could be found to take the lead, but that is a very great difficulty in a place like this. Within the past year Lead has fallen from 4 & 4½$ to 2¼ & 2½$ and a prospect of its falling as low as 2$ this has had an astonishing effect upon the country and caused a great change in the views and feelings of the inhabitants – they are now as much depressed as they have been previously elated and I think more so than the state of the country requires altho the change has been very great — That this is destined to be one of the most important sections of country in the Union I think scarcely admits of a doubt — for some years to come the supply of Lead for the consumption of the U.S. must be derived I think chiefly from here — There is no certain data by which the consumption of the U.S. can be ascertained, it is estimated at 15 to 21 millions of pounds — supposing only 12 millions come from here, estimating it at the low price of 2¼ ¢ it will amount to $270.000 — this would not all pass thro this village — for the most extensive mines at present are nearer the Ouisconsin than Fever River — two little towns have grown up on the former since last fall and probably considerable Lead will be shipped from them — their future prosperity will depend upon the practicability of navigating the Ouisconsin with Steam Boats respecting which there are conflicting opinions — this quantity of Lead may be considered as the product of a country abt 100 miles square — In addition to its being so rich in minerals it is an excellent farming country excepting a scarcity of timber — it is remarkably well watered & the soil is very productive — It is supposed that in a few years government will put the lands in market, when I think there will be a great emigration to the country of agriculturalists — during the last winter there was great suffering for want of provisions — a large number of the cattle and many horses perished for want of provender The following table will show the quantity of Lead made at these mines from the 1st October 1826 to 31 March 1829, both inclusive —

Quarter, ending	Dec 31st 1826 —	606.572 lbs —	1827.	2.248.765 lbs —	1828.	4.064.434 lbs
	March 31. 1827.	451.951.	1828	719.269.	1829.	2.494.444
	June 30	" 1.339.066 —	"	2.870.510.		" —
	Sept 30	" 2.584.607	"	5.301.887		" —
Total		5.182.196 —		11.140.431		6.559.878

Last season there was made at the Mines in Missouri
about four millions - pounds at the U.S. mines and the m
on private lands - the year previous there was made on bo
about 6 mil. - What quantity will be made here this season
is very uncertain as there is already so much mineral on the
ground I think there will be about as much Lead made as last year

C. R. Robert, Galena Ill.
May 11. 1829 - Informing us of Mr
Kents arrival & prospects - sta-
tistics of the lead country

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secretary
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I think of leaving this country in the course of four or 6 weeks
and shall probably pass thro Illinois & Indiana to Louisville, thence
to Cinn. & cross the lakes and home - I shall be happy to serve
you in any way that I can on my journey and believe you
will not hesitate to command my services if you can render
them useful -

Your most obt Servant C. R. Rob

[Spilman, Thomas]

Greenville Illinois 13 March April 1829.

Rev. and dear Brother,

At the request of the churches for whose benefit I labour, I received, a few days since, from the committee of the American Home Missionary Society, a commission to labour for the term of twelve months, as your missionary. It is not easy to express the gratitude occasioned by its arrival, to your committee, as also to the Head of the Church, on the part, both of the people and of the preacher. If you are sensible of the real situation of an embassador of Christ in this section of country, whose dependence for support rests on the people here, most of whom are illy prepared to contribute, and some doubtful, whether or not preachers ought to be allowed any compensation; having a very inadequate supply of books for his own use, and no means of obtaing such as are proper and necessary to be circulated among his people, you may guess how much my hands are strengthened by your charity.

But your charity is not the only advantage which I shall reap from my commission. In looking over your "general instructions", I felt myself enlightened condemned and humbled. I was truly in need of such a directory. Although I had the Bible, from which in the main, your instructions were drawn, and I humbly hope was actuated, in my labours, by the same Spirit which influences your committee in all their labours of love, yet I have not been able t reduce my exertions to any proper system. I seem pushed into the idst of undigested affairs, where nothing comparatively speaking is done and every thing to do, can scarcely tell what ought to be attempted first. My commission enjoins the pleasant task of rendering a quarterly report. From the forgoing preamble, connected with the fact that the first quarter had passed by before I received my commission, your committee will be prepared to grant me some indulgence if my labours herein reported, should fail in some measure to correspond with the plan laid down in your instructions.

1. The first topic named in your general instructions, marks out the field of my labours. With this I have complied as far as circumstances permit. I have been called, however, since the date of my commission to attend two meetings of the Presbytery; one in January and the other in March, both of which were near one hundred miles distant.

2. Family visiting &c. This work I have comenced, and find it highly interesting, but I have not yet proceeded far.

3. Visiting schools, sabbath schools &c. During the last winter common schools have not been in operation. Sabbath schools have been attended to in both these churches; For want of suitable houses we did not continue them thro' the winter, but we are about to recommence them. Permit me to mention here, a tolerably flourishing sabbath school in operation in Vandalia, about twenty miles from Greenville, where exists a small vacant church. We are not yet well furnished with sabbath school libraries. I conduct a Bible class in Bethel church which is attented by old and young. It promises a growing benefit to the church. The church of Hillsboro' is so small and scattered that I am doubtful whether or not a Bible class could be conducted there yet to advantage.

4. Prayer meetings &c. These are not entirely neglected, but they are not attended to with as much interest as they should be. Bethel church mingles her petitions with yours at the monthly concert. The church of Hillsboro' for reasons stated above does not publickly notice it.

5. Foreign missions &c. &c. For foreign missions we are are doing nothing more than offering up our inconsistant prayers. For domestic missions, I hope the way is preparing for something to be done. A state institution has been formed and a committee appointed to prepare a constitution for branches. For the education society nothing is doing. Two young men who need assistance are studdying the Latin with me. There is in Bond County, an efficient Bible society, in which Bethel church is engaged. It could once be said, "Every family in the County has a Bible"; but the influx of population calls for a new supply, which I believe is expected soon to arrive. The Bible society in Mongomery County is struggling w infirmities. Perhaps your committee would be pleased to hear society exists in Hillsboro' consisting of young females, who pay their subscriptions in their own work. The object of the society is to aid the Bible cause at home. We have no regular Tract society, but contributions have been made in both these Churches, by both male and female to purchase and circulate tracts. I am agent for a female tract society in Vandalia which has procured and circulated tracts to a considerable amount. A female benevolent association was formed in Bethel church on the 25. of Decr. last with an indeffinite object. A sabbath school society has been conducted in Bond County to some advantage for several years. We expect also to organize one shortly in Montgomery

6. Intemperance. Against this vice, it is true something has been done: but not with that zeal and concern which the alarming state of things calls for.

With regard to the last topic in your instructions, I would humbly solicit the prayers of your committee for my faithful compliance & success.

Excuse me for being so tedious and accept the sincere esteem of

Your unknown brother

Thos. A. Spilman

Rev. A. Peters. C.S. A.H.M.S.

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Corresponding Sec. A.H.M.S.
No. 144 Nassau Street
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Rev. Thos. A. Spilman
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[Spilman, Thomas]

Greenville Illinois June 3. 1829—

Rev. & dear Brother,

As it has been but a short time since the date of my former report, the state [illegible] in general, has undergone but little change. There are some variations, however, which deserve notice.

As my acquaintance becomes more extensive and particular in the different parts of the counties in which I labour, I find more people connected, and desirous to be connected with the Presbyterian church; and consequently, the calls for ~~ministerial~~ preaching and other ministerial labours, increase. I am strong in the belief that the patient, prudent labours of a minister here, performed in the exercise of humble faith, will be made the means of building up Zion. But we sometimes feel ourselves almost in need of [illegible] faith which can, "against hope, believe in hope."

The Bible class in Bethel church becomes more interesting, and promises a satisfactory reward; and really, to some of us, it brings its reward with it. We are attending to the epistolary part of the New Testament. Having no printed questions on that part of scripture, ~~but~~ I furnish the members before hand with questions of my own suggestion.

Since my former report, the sabbath school society which existed in Bond County, has been reorganized under the name of "The Bond County Sabbath school union auxiliary to the ~~American Sabbath school~~ union," and has formed, I believe, seven schools, two of which are in the bounds of Bethel church, and authorise the hope that good will result from them. An institution of the same kind has also been formed in Montgomery County. It has yet organized only one school, which meets in Hillsboro'.

I am still endeavouring to prosecute the duty of family visiting. Two circumstances render this business labourious and tedious. First, the widely scattered situation of the churches; and secondly, the pressure of business and the want of system in domestic concerns common to new countries. I believe too, in this duty as much as in any other, if not more, we have to contend against the opposition and malice of the devil, in as much as it is eminantly calculated to cherish a spirit of vital godliness. In these visits, though practical piety is the principal subject, I labour to inculcate the essential doctrines of grace.

I am much pleased to hear that your society expects to send more ministerial aid to this state this fall. I hope you will send such as are not only able but willing to "endure hardness as good soldiers". Those who suit to labour here, are such as know how things ought to be, and are anxiously desirous to have them so, and yet, can patiently bear with a great deal that is wrong. The church at Vandalia is now entirely destitute; and the prospect for doing good there is tolerably encouraging. I would be very glad if one of your missionaries would have that place in view.

I received with much pleasure and gratitude the April and May numbers of the Home [illegible] I hope you will continue send it, together with all the back numbers if possible. I will deduct $2.00, for the past and present year, from my first order on your society. As $75. are now due, I intend to sell to a merchant, if I can, an order for $75.

Your brother in Christ
Thos. A. Spilman.

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Rev. A. A. Spilman
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Rev. & dear brother,

As my labours in general, are similar to those before reported, it is unnecessary to detail them again.

In addition to the benevolent operations already known to your committee, I now have the pleasure to report the formation of a Bond County Tract Society auxiliary to the Missouri & Illinois Tract Society. It received its existence early in August, and held its first annual meeting on last wednesday. It has already transmitted funds and received a supply of tracts from St. Louis. It consists now of between 70 & 80 members.

There is another little fact which your committee will, doubtless, be pleased to hear. From the charity of one pious female residing in the vicinity of Hillsboro' I have lately received the sum of $10.00, to constitute me a life member of the Illinois State Bible Society.

Since the pleasant weather commenced in the spring, brother Hardy and myself in company, have administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in six different churches. This, although it is no small interruption to our labours at home, seems indispensibly necessary. This circumstance will tell you something about the call for more labourers. I hope I have the blessedness to be

Your brother in Christ

Thos. A. Spilman

Rev. Absalom Peters
C. S. A. H. M. S.
New York

Will you have the goodness to request the editors of the New York Observer to send my paper (which comes to Greenville addressed to T. A. Skillman) to Hillsboro', addressed to T. A. Spilman

T. A. S.

Rev. J. A. [illegible] Greenville
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To the Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. Society

Rev. & dear brother,

I am now called to report the labours of the last quarter of the term specified in my commission. I continued my labours, as nearly as the circumstances of our country permit, according to the instructions of your committee. For want of a comfortable house, the bible-class in Bethel church is suspended until favourable weather. Although no special excitement is visible at this time, the present aspect of things in these churches, is by no means discouraging. There appears to be a gradually increasing attention, among the people, to the concerns of the soul and the interests of the church. Worshiping assemblies are larger and more uniform, and members are occasionally added to the churches.

The little church at Vandalia where I laboured six months, including the summer of 1828, is now in a very promising state. Brother Hardy & myself attended and administered the ordinances there on the 1st sabbath in this month. Four highly respectable persons were received as members on examination, and several others are expected to unite with the church the next opportunity. Two of those added were an influential counsellor at law and his lady, who presented four little children to the Lord immediately before the communion services.

My family visits are interesting and appear to be blessed, and new calls for such visits are constantly presenting themselves. One case lately occurred in my visits which I will briefly notice. I called on a lady, the mother of a considerable family of children, who had formerly bee[illegible] a professor of religion in a different denomination. She had been living a number of years in this country without any opportunity of becoming connected with that branch of the church of which she had formerly been a member. She was desirous to be connected with the presbyterian church, but had no certificate, and was under the impression that she could not be admitted without one. It is expected that she will embrace the next opportunity to unite in communion with the people of God and renew the enjoyment of those blessed privileges of which she has long been deprived. Ministers of the gospel in this country, who take pleasure in imparting comfort to the disconsolate, not unfrequently have their generous feelings excited by instances similar to the one mentioned above.

The female benevolent association of Bethel have resolved to appropriate the small amount raised within the past year, to the benefit of the American Education Society. ~~The~~

Sum will probably be between six and ten dollars.

A resolution was adopted in Bethel church on the 1st monday in Nov. to make a small contribution at each monthly concert, in favour of the A. H. M. Society. The amount will indeed be small, but we think it will cherish a feeling of christian benevolence, and set a good example before the rising generation.

I wish to be instructed with regard to the best method of disposing of these little charities.

If your committee think it judicious to extend the hand of charity to these feeble churches, it is their wish and they will be truly thankful, that your missionary be recommissioned. As our circumstances are known to your committee, we presume you will need no further application.

Your brother in Christ

Thos. A. Spilman

[WATSON]

Canton Ill June 24 1829

Mr Peters Dear sir

I received one number of the Home Missionary some time sins, in which I saw that one Mr. Lewis B. Watson, is appointed to the Millitary Tract, Ill We have had some anxiety to know whether it is our Mr Syrus. L. Watson of Illinois. Who was Lycenced last fall at Presbytery in Bond County, or whether it is some other person, Syrus L. Watson of Ill. was here yesterday, and say, he has not received any communication to that affect, but has been informed that Mrs Ellis had ~~had~~ received a letter notefying his appointment to the Militarry Tract.

Mr Ellis is not at Home. Mr. Watson has not been Ordained, I expect to write this day to Mr Bergen to come and administer the sacrement,

I have spent one week lately in examining lands for Mr Munn N.Y I went through from Canton on the Illinois. a little North of the center north and south, of the Millitary Tract, to the Mississippi. scattering settlements all strong, lately made, and the best of land that I ever saw, I passed two Indians towns, in some plaus the Prairies are not to larg. Excellent Bodys of Timber the Prairies are high and dry considerably rolling ~~Puffing~~ well watered with springs, and Mill seats, Soil as rich generally as the Mississippi Bottoms, but the Country is generally so high and dry, that I think it will be a healthy Country, Even for Eastern People, this discription will answer for the Milletary Tract Generally withe the

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Report of labor — wishes his commission renewed. Requests

Exeption of a County or two, in the point south and, near the Northern Bounds, where the Praries
and near the large rivers
are ~~three~~ large, Mr Munn has lands all over this large tract, and far as I have examined his land are generally good even many are firstrate I am informed it is the same generally, in one Town where he had 15 quarter all good but one, and will sell for Govment price the same in another Town, I expect he has, not far from 500 quarter sections in the Military tract 160 acres each, I was forcibly struck with the influence Was Mr Munn disposed to exert, in the cause of christ would be felt through the whole Vally of the Mississippi. Mr Munn has sent me Testaments to distribute among the Poor People here —

in my visit in the new settlements, I became acquainted with one Woman Presbyterian ~~Prof~~ Professor, near 70 years of age lately mooved there she told me that when she was in Massachusetts she lived under Stated Preaching 30 years, 10 years ago she mooved to this western Country, and has not had (not had) the Opportunity of the sacrament but one since, — What I have written respecting Mr Munn has been in confidence

Very Respectfully

Nathan Jones

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[Watson, Rev. Cyrus]

Lewistown Fulton County Illinois Aug. 17th 1829

Rev. Sir

Sometime in the latter part of April I received information from Mr Ellis that I had been appointed by the A. H. M. Society to labour as a Missionary in the "Military District" of Illinois. Having previously received several pressing invitations from persons residing in different parts of the District, to come and preach for them, I set off with-
1/4 time out delay and on the first sabbath in May commenced my labours by preaching at Rushville
Rushville the County seat of Schuyler County. Here I found some persons anxious that a Presbyterian church should be formed and the ordinances administered. On inquiry I learned that eight or ten members might be found to constitute a church. The place is new, yet the audience was large and attentive. Their log Court House was quite too small to contain them. The inhabitants are principally emigrants from Tennessee and Kentucky, but there are
am some from almost every state in the union. From Schuyler I proceeded to Adams Coun-
Co. -ty where I found about ten or twelve Presbyterians scattered like "sheep having no shepherd." They appeared anxious to be formed into a church, and delighted with the prospect of occasionally hearing
Quincy the Gospel preached by one of their own denomination. I spent several days at Quincy the County seat and preached twice on the sabbath. Here also the Court House was too small to contain the audience. This is a flourishing little village finely situated on the bank of the Mississippi It bids fair to become a place of considerable importance, being perhaps the best town site on the Eastern bank of the Mississippi between St Louis and Fevre River. The adjacent country is very fertile. It abounds also with mill-streams and springs of excellent water. And emigrants are daily flocking into it. In Pike County there are a few Presbyterians but not enough to form a church. The people, however are desirous to have preaching, and many would attend This county was settled as early as any part of the Military Tract, and by people of intelligence
Fulton and refinement from the eastern states. In Fulton County a Presbyterian church was formed in
Co. September last by the Rev. J. M. Ellis consisting of nine members. Its elders are intelligent men and much engaged in the cause of Christ. The Rev. Horace Smith, a Missionary under the patronage of the Connecticut Missionary Society, spent most of the last winter and spring in this County He is now gone to the East but expects to return in the fall and settle amongst this people. Four persons were added to the church on a profession of their faith while he laboured here, and three more were added at a sacramental meeting held at this place, by the Rev. J. G. Bergen and myself about a month ago. I have devoted half my labours to this county during the last two months. Our meetings are solemn and several persons are anxiously inquiring

what they must do to be saved— I trust the Lord is about to pour out his Spirit and revive his work in these "goings down of the sun". In Rushville, where I spend one fourth of my time, the preaching of the word is heard with attention, and there are some indications that good has been effected— I expect in a few days to make a tour through Peoria County where I have been informed there are Presbyterians enough to constitute a church— I have it also in contemplation to visit Warren and Hancock Counties, in which there are considerable settlements, and I believe are utterly destitute of the public means of grace—

The claims of the Military District, on the attention of your Society, are certainly not inferior to those of any other part of the west. It is a country excelled by none in point of fertility and natural advantages. It lies between two navigable streams not more than seventy miles apart at its northern border— It abounds in every part with mill-streams and springs of good water— Its prairies are generally smaller than those found in other parts of Illinois and its timber of a better quality, and more abundant. It will therefore admit of a more dense population— The oldest settlers say that it is a very healthful region, and I can see no cause for thinking otherwise— Land can be purchased at a low price— the tide of emigration is rapidly flowing in, and there is good ground for the belief, that in a few years, it will not be excelled in importance, or in the number of its inhabitants, by any region of the same extent in the western country— Four Missionaries would be but a scanty supply for this District even now— one for this county and Peoria —one for Hancock and Warren— one for Adams and Pike and one for Schuyler and Calhoun— Can your Society afford us any aid, or must we call in vain? Can you not send us some young men of christian enterprize who would delight to build up churches in these "waste places"? There are a few preachers of other denominations amongst us, but their number is small, and many have not the opportunity of hearing the Gospel preached for weeks, and months together— The sabbath is greatly profaned— Visiting— transacting worldly business— shooting &c are very common on that Holy day, and for profane swearing, and drunkenness in some places there is no shame— At this place there is a Sabbath school, and one also at Canton, each containing about thirty scholars— These are the only Sabbath schools in the District— There are also in this County a Bible, and a Tract Society Many Tracts have been distributed, and they have been productive of good— I have distributed Tracts wherever I have gone— they have always been gratefully received, and I trust have been useful—

What will be done in this District for the support of the Gospel I cannot tell— The settlements are new, and the people are generally poor— In this County something considerable will be done— There are a few individuals who have the cause much at heart, and will exert themselves to the utmost of their ability— Something will also be done in Adams and Schuyler Counties I have laboured one fourth of my time at Jacksonville since Mr Ellis went to the East

This has been done at the particular request of Mr. E. and the elders of the church. Jacksonville is a place of considerable importance. The church consists of about forty members. The assemblies that attend worship are large, and attentive, and the other brethren are all so situated that they cannot possibly preach to them. It seems therefore absolutely necessary that I should bestow upon them a part of my labours. My little family (a wife and one child) reside in Sangamon County, and it is quite convenient for me to take Jacksonville in my way as I go to visit them once a month.

I should thankfully receive from your Society any instructions which they may think proper to give in regard to my future labours. whether it will be their wish that I should traverse the whole extent of country contained in the Military Tract, or whether I should confine my labours to a certain portion of it. Before an answer to this can reach me I expect to have explored the whole Tract, and to be better able to judge where my labours would probably be most useful.

I began to labour in this district immediately after hearing of my appointment, and expected at the end of my first tour, to find at my place of residence a commission from you, but none came. I consulted Mr. Bergen on the subject and he urged the importance of my remaining in the field as my labours would never be more needed than they then were. No commission has yet arrived. if you have sent one it has been miscarried.

I have deferred writing to you much longer than I should have done

I have been in daily expectation of receiving a communication, either from you or Mr. Ellis relation to my mission

Please to remember in your prayers your unworthy servant and this western wilderness

Respectfully yours

Cyrus L. Watson

N. B. Address me at Springfield Sangamon County Illinois

Rev. Cyrus L. Watson Lewistown
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[WATSON]

Canton Ill Sept 17, 1829

Mr. Peters Dear Sir

yours of August 11 is received in reply to your enquiries respecting Mr. Watson, his Given name is, Cyrus L. Watson, his family is in Springfield Mr. Watson has been Preaching and riding considerable this season, has an appointment in Canton next Sabbath. he supplies Mr. Ellis's congregation in Hunt has Preached a number of times in Rushvill, the County seat o Schuyler is a Promising young man, but is Not Ordained ~~[illegible]~~ I rejoice to see the interest excited at the east in this western Country, I consider it a suitable time to sow ~~the~~ seed May the Blessing of Almighty God rest on your Efforts to spread the Redeemers Kingdom in this and other places. with Esteem

Nathan Jones

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Springfield Sangamon County Ill. Nov. 9th 1829

Rev. Sir,

In a letter written at Lewistown, Fulton County, some time in the latter part of August, I informed you that in the course of the following month I expected to make a tour through all the inhabited parts of the Military Tract, for the purpose of endeavouring to ascertain where Missionary labour was most needed. I set out accordingly, but at Rushville, Schuyler County, I experienced an attack of bilious fever and for the space of two days was very sick. Being thus disabled from pursuing my journey I waited a few days until I gained a little strength, and then returned home. In the latter part of the month I made a tour through Fulton County. Early in October I returned and attended at Vandalia and Shoal Creek the meetings of Presbytery and Synod. I have since spent two weeks in Fulton and Morgan Counties. Nothing worthy of note has occurred on the field of my labours since the date of my former letter. Our meetings are still well attended, and in some instances much solemnity is observable. Several persons in Fulton County are anxiously inquiring "what they must do to be saved" and two or three have recently obtained a hope that they have "passed from death unto life." I preached last sabbath at Jacksonville where, at this time, there is considerable attention paid to religion. The school-house was crowded, and many unable to gain admittance returned to their homes. Mr. Ellis's return is daily expected and very anxiously desired. His presence and labours are greatly needed. The emigration to this state the present year has been unusually large. The Counties of Adams, Schuyler, Fulton and Warren have received a full share. I expect to spend the next six weeks in the Counties of Pike and Adams and if it be thought expedient I shall constitute a church at Quincy. I have, for several weeks past, been anxiously expecting an answer to my former letters, but none has yet arrived. I should be very happy to receive some instructions from you relative to my labours.

The Rev. A. Smith expects to return to Fulton County shortly, and take charge of the church there.

If your Society could afford me some pecuniary aid they would confer a favour for which I should be truly grateful. I am entirely dependent on you, having no other means of support.

Respectfully, your brother, and fellow labourer
in Christ Jesus
Cyrus L. Watson

Rev. A. Peters.

Rev. C. L. Watson, Springfield, Ill
Nov 9, 1829 — Report — requests
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[Mallory, Samuel]
[WATSON]

Lewistown Fulton Cy Ill Dec 28th 39

Rev & dear Sir

We hope we need plead no apology for troubling you with a few lines. inasmuch as Divine Providence seems to have created a a kind of relationship between your Society & the infant Church of this place which one of your Miſsionaries was instrumental in bringing into existence.

We further feel that a sense of duty to the Revd Cyrus L. Watson requires that we should say something in his behalf. Mr W has labored the most part of his time on the Military Tract since his appointment was announced in the Home Miſsionary As far as we can learn his labors have been well received. Mr Watson came to the neighborhood of St Louis when quite a youth Previous to the late war with G Britain. It was there he first made a public profeſsion of that religion which he now preaches to others & was united to the Church then under the charge of the Revd S Giddings. Coming as he did from South Carolina & being an old resident in this Country it may be infered that his manners are more congenial to the Great body of the people of this State who emigrated from the South & West, & it ought not to be concealed that a degree of sectional prejudice exists.

Mostly from the South & West some from the Middle & Eastern Eastern States the inhabitants of Illinois brought with them their prejudices & their predilections. They exist to such a degree that to disregard them altogether might not be prudent for the interests of evangelical truths in this country. Most of the Miſsionaries in this country were from the East — the College at Jacksonville which it is hoped will become the nursery from which this State & some of the adjacent ones will draw at least a partial supply for the sacred office of the Ministry appears as yet to have been under the superintendence of Eastern men — notwithstanding it seems mainly dependent for its

~~furnish~~ supply of Pupils on a community such as we have described,

Sir we are aware that we touch a subject of painful delicacy
we have to regret that the universal prevalence & fervid spirit
of our holy religion in the breasts of all its avowed advocates does
not render it unnecessary to advert to these facts; but we have to
take mankind as they are — Ignorance & prejudice have to be
overcome & some skill & much prudence is necessary in
this war.

The influence produced by your society it is true, begins to be powerfully
felt in this State. It excites alarm among a large ~~denomination~~ number of op-
posers, ~~of Christians~~ whose surprize is nearly equal to that of Belshazzar
in beholding the hand writing on the wall, — and you ~~will~~ not not
~~be surprized to~~ wonder if you hear of opposition to Missionaries & institutions
of learning among us. We would here remark that your Miss-
ionarys have taken, we think, a judicious course — have endeav-
oured to cultivate a christian disposition towards other denom-
ination & thus to strengthen the cause of Christ.

We were led to the foregoing remarks because we think it impor-
tant that you should understand the state of things here.
Mr Watson preached in this place yesterday and a collection was
taken up for him which will be accounted for to your Society
which, including one or two private contributions amounted to
Seventeen Dollars. We trust the branch of the church near
Canton (15 miles distant) will take up a collection for the
same object seasonably.
Mr W regrets that he has never rec'd a communication from
your board not even a commission. He is in destitute circum-
stances — has a family to provide for. Indeed we are informed
that the reason why he has not removed his Family to the Tract
is because he is dependent on the charity of his Brother in Springfield
partly at least for their support. We would respectfully & urgently
recommend his case to the consideration of your Board
Mr W was ordained at the last Presbytery

Mr Watsons manner is free & open the people of the back Woods do not stand
at that distance from him that they would from an ~~Eastn~~ Missionary from the
East. On the whole we think him admirably suited to the station of a
Pioneer. The Military Tract seems a suitable field for him There are six
organized Counties & 4 more will probably be added the next session of
the Legislature. And in all this tract there are no Presbyterian ministers besides Mr
W if we except Mr Porter who has lately resumed preaching in the imme-
diate neighborhood of Quincy. We hope your Board will not deem us too
arrogant if we suggest the propriety of renewing Mr Watsons commission
for this tract & signify the same to him seasonably. We are advised of his
comm, is renewed thus he will remove to the field of his labors the close of
Winter or early in the Spring. The Rev H Smith is still expected to supply
this County & probably the more northern parts of this District.

We think some system might be adopted by the Churches of this State to support
in part at least those who labor with them in the ministry. Perhaps the
most efficient plan would be for each Church to have a plan of their own
Say let a subscription paper be handed to each member of the Church in
the beginning of the year & let each put down what ~~that~~ he would in Cash
or such articles as would be needed. In addition let a publick collection
be taken up Quarterly. We are poor but we think by this means much
more might be raised than has been done heretofore ~~& that by the~~
the Churches would sooner be prepared to sustain themselves.

Dear Sir. we feel much indebted to the A H M Society. Some of us had
been scattered many years in this Wilderness, as sheep without ~~a~~ shepherd,
~~when of itself~~ when a faithful Missionary, Rev Mr E. gathered us into a
Church. We have enjoyed many precious seasons since & seen, as we
trust, the good cause of our Divine Redeemer prosper. The benevolence
of the Churches at the East towards the West, encourages us to believe that
many wrestling Jacobs are interceding at a throne of grace for the
feeble, infant churches of the West. May the Lord reward our bene-
factors an hundred fold in this life & in that which is to come, with life
everlasting. Brother Jones is absent to Vandalia & consequently can-
not unite with us in this address

We remain Dear Sir your Brethren in the Lord.

Samuel Alley

William Proctor

P S please direct ~~one~~ of the Home Missionary to W Proctor
Lewistown Fulton County. I will have the Pay to Mr
N Jones of Canton who I believe acts as your Agent
W P

Samuel Mallory & Wm Pro
Lewistown Ill. Dec 28, 1829
Relating to Rev. Cyrus L. Watson, &
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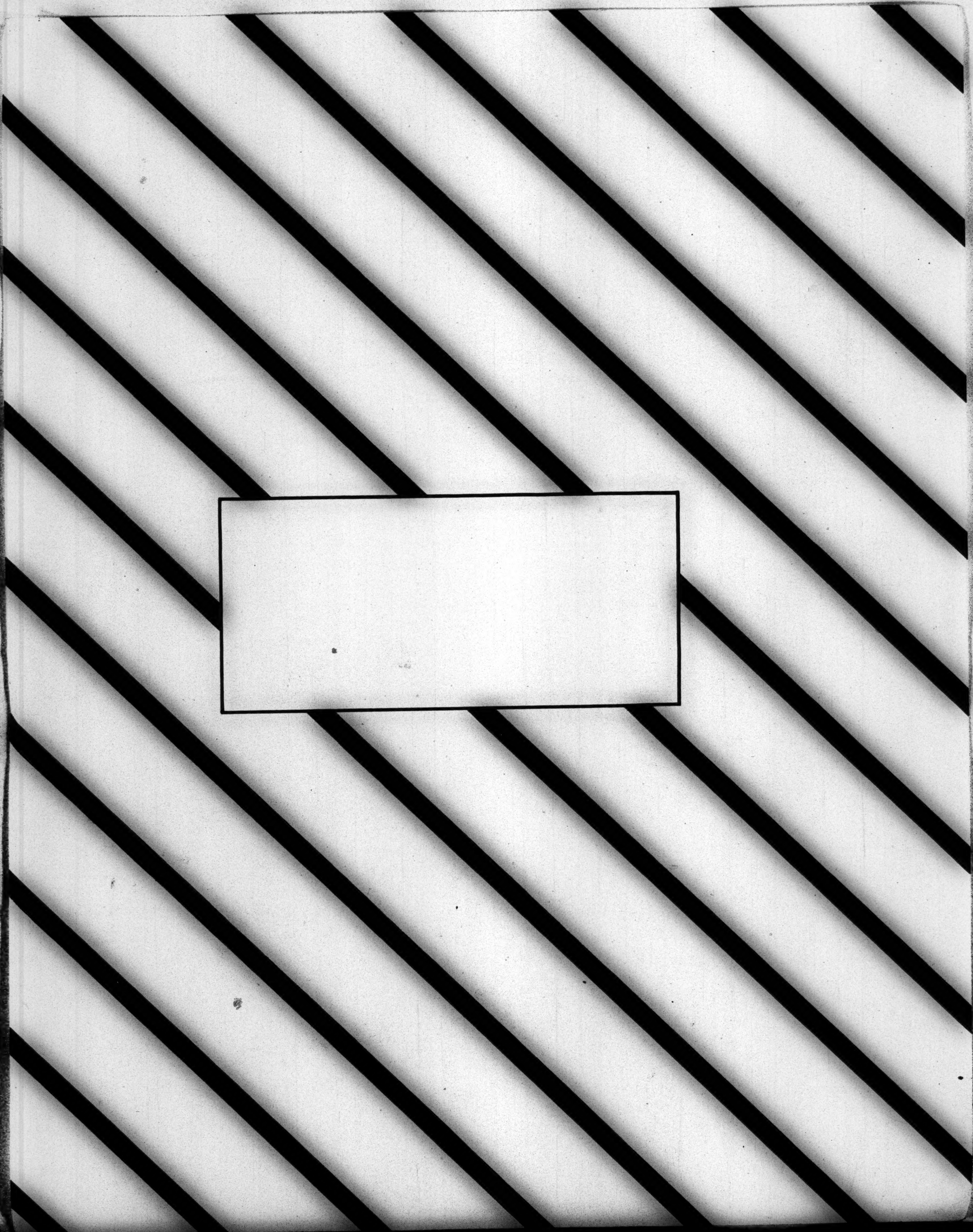

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INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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Vandalia Illinois Feb 9th 1830

AHMS - [Baldwin, Theron]

Dear Sir

By the "terms" of my "Commission" I find it made the duty of your Missionaries to make quarterly reports of their labors from the date of their Commission. But my time has been so much occupied that I overlooked that regulation - and therefore now hasten to send you my report -

I have spent thirteen Sabbaths in the State - three in Greene County - four in Morgan Co - and six in Vandalia and have preached every sabbath - It was my expectation to spend the year in Greene Co, till I came to this place to attend the meeting of the State Bible Soc. At the solicitation of some individuals I spent two sabbaths here - and soon after my return to Jacksonville received a communication from one of the Trustees of the Meeting House in this place - from which the following is an extract.

"I am authorised by the Trustees of the Meeting House in Vandalia, to invite you to spend the ensuing part of the present Winter (or a longer time if convenient) in this place. A subscription has recently been raised for the purpose of supporting a Minister of the Gospel, in this place, which amounts to nearly or about two hundred dollars per annum; which sum is to be paid to any Minister who may be invited by the Trustees and approved by a majority of the subscribers. Having satisfied ourselves that a majority of our citizens who have signed this instrument, anxiously desire your return to this place, and believing that you could be as eminently useful as you will be cordially welcome, we present this invitation to you. Should you accept and remain with us for a less period than one year, you will be entitled to a proportional part of the above named sum."

Notwithstanding my feelings had become enlisted for Greene Co and my conviction strong that faithful and well directed efforts there would be productive of great good - yet a belief that the call for immediate labor in this place was more pressing - induced me to comply with the above invitation. And accordingly as soon as the business of the

College would admit of my leaving Morgan Co I removed to this place

We have commenced a Sabbath School under very encouraging auspices- between 70 and 80 scholars the second Sabbath. Almost the entire influence of Vandalia is enlisted in its favor- and we hope and pray for happy results- Twenty four dollars have been subscribed for the purchase of a Library- A small but neat and commodious Meeting House is also nearly finished The church consists of 12 members 4 males and 8 females- four of whom have been added by examination within a few weeks- There is also a female Tract Society here and at their last meeting they passed a resolution to commence a monthly distribution of tracts- Meetings at present are well attended- considerable desire manifested to hear the Gospel preach^ed^ and within a few weeks one individual has been led to make the anxious inquiry "What shall I do to be saved"? We hope the Lord has mercy in store for this people—

The prospects of our College are ~~bette~~ more encouraging than we had anticipated at the East. I think its location is decidedly one of the best in the Western country. It is [illegible] y, beautiful, and central, Almost every one who visits it is apparently delighted with the situation- It is now in successful operation and we flatter ourselves ~~that~~ the results will be such that its patrons will never have cause to regret their benefactions.

I would remark that the subscription here actually amounts only to $150- though I have no doubt it may be raised by a little exertion to the sum specified in the extract given above- It will be seen also that the Minister must stay a whole year in order to take the entire ~~whole~~ benefit of the subscription— But calling the subscription $200 I suppose there would be $50 now due from the Society. I wish $100- to be sent to my father Elisha Baldwin East Goshen Litchfield County Connecticut whenever it shall become due Will you therefore transmit to my father the $50 now, as I suppose, due?

Will you send me the "Home Missionary" and place the same to the credit of the Society? Would be glad of all the back Nos - and wish them to be sent on here whenever it can be done without postage.

Respectfully Yours

Rev Absalom Peters

Theron Baldwin

Vandalia Ill May 21 1830

Rev A. Peters
Cor Sec A. H. M. S.

Dear Sir

In view of my coming to this place I have often thought of a passage in the book of Proverbs A man's heart deviseth his way but the Lord directeth his steps- ~~Setting~~ It was my full expectation for some time after my arrival in the State to spend the year in Greene Co- but the Lord directed otherwise. And from what has already been accomplished the conviction is in my own mind strong, that He had designs of good in sending me here- and O that the future might reveal the interesting fact, that He had designs of great good!

At our last communion: three were admitted to the church one by letter, and the others on examination. One of these was an old lady from Germany- who was a member of the Lutheran church in that country- and has been a resident in this place for a number of years. After her reception by the Session- She ~~asked me~~ inquired if she could now come to the table of Christ- and when I ~~told her she~~ answered in the affirmative- she burst into tears and with her hand upon her heart- exclaimed, with an emphasis which I shall never forget, - "God is good to me!"

The congregations, ~~the~~, one Sabbath with another, as I am told by the people have, been unusually large for this place. - We have had many meetings in which such silence reigned, such solemnity clothed almost every countenance- and such fixedness of attention existed, as reminded me powerfully of those intensely interesting scenes which I have so frequently witnessed in New England. And we have sometimes indulged the fond expectation that the Lord was about to pour down upon us a copious ~~effusion~~ effusion of his Holy Spirit.- There are some few among us at the present time who are anxious for their souls. and the ardent prayer of a number in our church, I believe, is, that the Lord would speedily visit us with the rich showers of His grace-

¶ -Our Sabbath School (to establish which Sabbath schools was among my first efforts here) commenced about the 1st of Feb. with a good degree of interest and I am happy to say that interest has not declined- It appears to be exerting a very salutary influence: I have myself taken the

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superintendence of it - and made special efforts to make it interesting and useful. It numbers a little more than 100 - though we have never had ~~so~~ I believe as many as 90 in a day - I found some objections here to sabbath schools arising from previous failures but our school has so far secured the confidence of the people that whatever is necessary to its prosperity - such as books &c is promptly provided. We have 16 teachers - many of whom are among the most influential individuals in the place. The library books have been read and these in connexion with the exercises of the school have evidently done much already towards ~~exc~~ creating a thirst for knowledge on the part of the scholars - Of 105 who have entered the school only 37 were able to read - For this number we have adopted the common system of instruction pursued in S.S's - and I lecture on the sabbath upon the lesson for the subsequent sabbath. This lecture is open to young and old teachers and scholars - and takes the place of a bible class - I have made particular efforts in the sabbath school from a full conviction that the minister of Christ can spend a part of his energies at least - in no other way to so great advantage. Every step that I take here causes me to feel more and more the importance and necessity of education. I visited 27 families not long since in a section of this county in which there was not an individual who could read! There were in that part 52 families in all. I went to carry them the word of life, but they were unable to read it! They would gladly receive a bible but it was of no use to them. I thought that it would indeed be a work of mercy to unlock for them the treasures of that Holy Book - and I am consequently making some efforts to establish among them a sabbath school and gather in if possible young and old and learn them to read. Many of them expressed a deep regret that they were unable to read - and a strong desire to learn - How much good thought I might some pious well educated young man do were he to go and become one of them for a year and teach them to read! He would be one of the best missionaries in the world - and we want a band of such missionaries in this state - Perhaps there is no other section as destitute as that (for it is somewhat celebrated) but the proportion of those who are unable to read so far as my observation has extended is very great - The individuals of whom I have spoken were are principally I believe, emigrants from Tennessee - There is yet every thing to be done here on the subject of education - There is at present as a matter of course much apathy - and to some extent to it is deathlike in its character - There is also some prejudice ~~and see~~ but from what [illegible]ve witnessed for four months past I should say - that the apathy might be broken and the prejudice dispelled with comparative ease ~~There is at the~~ I speak now only of certain classes of our citizens who have never been educated themselves. Those who know the value of education by experience are already exerting a controlling influence here and there is every prospect that the tide of public sentiment will soon set most powerfully in its favor. Schools are springing up rapidly - and as one school destroys the balance of intelligence in a given settlement or between two settlements - and as people always wish to be as good as their neighbors - a demand is created for another school and so on - But there is a great destitution of competent teachers both for common and sabbath schools - I have often thought that here was a fine field for young men at the East to use their learning in - Any who are competent to teach school I have no doubt ~~[illegible] oth~~ might come here and in a short time get enough by teaching to purchase a farm that would ever after fill their barns with plenty and their houses with good things - And if a young man expends his last cent in getting here - he will be sure to find employment of some kind that will bring him a support

Theron Baldwin

I received a letter a few days since from a distance of 40 miles requesting my assistance in the formation of a sabbath school I spent the last sabbath there (Shelbyville up the river Kaskaskia) and formed one school - and made arrangements for the formation of ~~one~~ another 5 miles from that place

An Agent for the A. T. S. has visited us - The result has been the formation of a Tract Society for this County under encouraging auspices - A new impulse was also given to the Female T. S. - and they have this month put into every family Kittredge on Ardent Spirits - We hope to form a Temperance Society at some future time - It is imperiously demanded -

A Circuit Rider preaches here one sabbath in four - on which day I preach in different places in this region - The other days I have ~~[illegible]~~ all cases supplied here except ~~one~~ two - on one of those I was at Presbytery in Springfield - the other I spent in Shelby Co and preached there while on a tour of search for the Revd Stiles Hawley S. S. Agent who was drowned in the Kaskaskia

~~They~~ He is an ardent friend of Literature - a man of great influence here
and through him perhaps I have done ten times more for the interests of our college
than I could have done any where else in the State. I have had an opp-
ortunity here of becoming acquainted with many of the leading characters
in the State - and the influence of it may not be small on future
operations. Many have expressed a strong desire that I should continue
here during the session of the Legislature - that for the honor of the
State - they may have preaching at that time - On the whole - the way seems
to be opened in a somewhat remarkable manner for my laboring
here - and O that I ~~may~~ may have grace given me to perform faithfully
the Lord's work - On my tour mentioned above I preached once by
request - & the reason assigned for that request was that they had not heard a sermon in
12 months - Preached also in Shelbyville & this was the origin of the request for assistance in the
formation of a S.S. - I conversed much on that subject when there

the effect of it was to enlist con-
siderable interest in the subject. I
have visited all the families in Vandalia
except three or four - and think much
good has been done by

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Rev. Theron Baldwin
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Report

500,000 children in
the valley of the Missi-
sippi -

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I feel a desire to state a few facts to you which
I should be unwilling to state publicly - that you may know a
little more definitely about my field of labor. This place has the
reputation abroad of a sickly, dissipated, abandoned place
And I was told by a member of the Methodist church last
week that the Circuit Riders for six months or a year previous
to my coming here had abandoned it as hopeless. I have found
it thus far healthy - and the people are apparently very anxious for my
continuance here. I have lived the whole time in the family of Judge
James Hall who is now a member of our church - ~~and of whom I presume you~~
~~have heard - at least you may have seen some of the productions of his~~
~~pen~~

Vandalia (Ill) August 16. 1830

[Baldwin, Theron]

Rev A. Peters
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.

Dear Sir

Since my last communic
ation I have been absent from this place four
Sabbaths in succession. For two of these however
I made an exchange with brother Watson, so that
the people were left destitute but two sabbaths.
The business of our sabbath school led me to St Louis
that of the College to Jacksonville & ramble over our
wide missionary field to ascertain its real condition
to Rushville - and the heat of the summer combined
with the more intolerable heat of politics induced
me to leave Vandalia for a little season
I will state a few facts with regard to my journey -
[illegible] this place on Monday the 5th of July (excessively warm
weather) for St Louis 70 miles distant. Perhaps I ought to
state however that the evening before I started we had
a meeting in this place the object of which was to exp
ress our gratitude for the munificence of our Eastern
friends in reference to sabbath schools in the valley of
the Mississippi - promise our own cooperation and delibe
rate upon measures for effecting this sublime project -
I was appointed one of a "committee of inquiry" whose
duty it was to consult with others as extensively as
possible and report at a subsequent meeting -
throughout my tour I kept this object steadily in view
But to proceed - preached in St Louis Thursday night
and on Friday night in Edwardsville (Ill) 25 miles
distant - As they had no preaching there for the next
Sabbath - they were very solicitous that I should
stay - I preached in the Methodist Meeting House (after
having visited the Sabbath School) and a Methodist
brother on Saturday mounted his horse and rode
about the region to give the people information
Sunday afternoon I rode to Alton 10 miles and
preached again before sun-set - to a deeply interesting

audience - There appears to have been an interesting wo
work of grace there - and considerable additions hav
been made to the Baptist and Methodist churches -
There are various opinions respecting the future growth o
Alton - some think it will rival St Louis - others th
it will be of no importance - I should be disposed
to take the middle ground - Be that as it may the
brethren in this State have ever felt it important to
have a Missionary located there - True he would get
but little support from the people at present - but we
find by experience that wherever a Missionary is put
down permanently - he at once forms a nucleus around
which people of regular habits will gather - Little
clusters of Presbyterians are frequently coming into the
State and they feel it an object of importance to locate
themselves where they can enjoy those privileges which
they left behind -

At Carrollton I found brother Henick - well pleased with
his situation - and happy in his work - He has just started
a Sabbath School - and a young lady from Philadelphia
has commenced teaching a day school - Last Fall I
was in different parts of Greene Co - became deeply interested - and expected to spend the year there - but
Providence ordered otherwise - and now I think I
can see that it is all as it should be - Greene Co is the
strong hold of Infidelity in our State - and a difficult
and trying field - but if brother Henick has sufficient pa
wer and prudence to guide the storm - with the blessing of God he will effect immense good - There is
work enough in that Co for two Missionaries - Comparatively
it is much advanced as it respects intelligence - and improvements of various descriptions - It is capable perhaps of
supporting as dense a population as any county in the
State - and must stand in the first rank -

The second Sabbath I spent at Jacksonville - and preached
Saturday evening and Sunday forenoon - It was a communion Season + [redacted] I then made an arrangement with brother Watson to preach in Rushville the two
Sabbaths which he would spend at Vandalia - But in

consequence of some symptoms of a billious fever which I had brought on by riding in the hot sun and preaching - I was compelled to take medicine - and therefore unable to reach Rushville for the next sabbath - Spent it however at Jersey Prairie 12 miles from Jacksonville - where I preached twice which entirely exhausted me - From this place I directed my course into Sangamo Co 26 miles - and preached in a settlement of Presbyterians - thence to Rushville 50 miles and spent the next sabbath - ~~[illegible]~~ Found the people there much elated with the idea of brother Watson's settling among them - The place is new - but there is considerable enterprise among the inhabitants - and on the whole they appear to be taking a fine start - Brother Watson is a man of sterling character (judging from my acquaintance) indefatigable in labor and well calculated to be useful among this people - He has been "raised" among them - knows all their peculiarities - understands their dialect - this disarms prejudice - and he comes before his audiences under circumstances far more favorable than the *Eastern* preacher who is not unfrequently the very "antipodes" of his audience - and sometimes even looked upon as a mysterious, suspicious being from another hemisphere or another planet - Since my residence in the State I have travelled 2000 miles or more in different directions - and it is my settled conviction that for the *Eastern* preacher who expects to settle *permanently* in this State - it is all important that he at first travel a great deal - and mingle with the people - acquaint himself with their manners and customs - their sentiments prejudices &c - He has as a general fact many *points* which *must be knocked* off before it is *possible* for him to come in close contact with this people - and if he is unable to do this where is the prospect of his usefulness? *Any* preacher in fact who is ignorant of the character of his audience - discharges his arrows "at a venture"

But to return - On Tuesday evening we had a meeting in Jacksonville arrangements for which were made before I went to Rushville & the object of which was to inquire after the proper course to pursue in reference to Sabbath School operations - The result of the meeting was the appointment of another meeting for the formation of a State S. S. Union for Illinois - Considerable interest was excited - and we hope the meeting will do much good. I was occupied with the business of the College till just at night on Thursday - on Friday morning at 7 o clock I was 40 miles on my way towards Vandalia - Friday night I rode to Hillsboro and Saturday night home - this was in consequence of the hot sun and *flies* on the prairies - There are some remaining topics which I wish to touch and as you have assigned no *limits* to the correspondence of your Missionaries - I propose in a few days to trouble you with another communication - In the mean time I would say I am still encouraged in my work - The Lord send down His Spirit -

Respectfully and affectionately Yours Theron Baldwin

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Theron Baldwin Vandalia
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Vandalia Oct 5 1830

[Baldwin, Theron]

Rev A Peters
Cor Sec A.H.M.S.

Dear Sir

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I expect to leave this place [illegible] morning for Presbytery and will therefore give you this time the particulars which were deferred in my last communication. Our Meeting House was dedicated on the 23 of June - ~~I preached the Sermon from 2. Chron. 6.18.~~ Four of the brethren in the ministry attended and assisted in the exercises. The audience was large and ~~attentive~~ from the fixed attention given to all the exercises should conclude that a deep interest was felt - Mr Romulus Riggs of Philadelphia has very generously made a donation of a bell for the Meeting House - it is now on the way to Illinois -

At our last communion two individuals united with our church - one on examination - the other by letter - Since that time two more have joined by letter - both of them members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The individual mentioned above as having united with our Church on examination is one of the female teachers in the Sabbath school - she professes to have found peace in believing since her connexion with it ~~the school~~ - and the same is true of another female teacher who has not as yet united with any church. Many of the scholars have made very pleasing progress - and one of the boys who is 12 or 14 years of age has recently manifested considerable solicitude respecting the salvation of his soul.

The females continue the monthly distribution of tracts. Thus far they have been almost universally well received - and to a great extent at least read with interest. The general effect which they have produced appears to be salutary - and there are besides some particular instances of good. One of the Tracts distributed was Kittredge on ardent Spirits - the reading of which appears to have been much blessed to one man of family who has for a long time been addicted to intemperance -

This together with the faithful and solemn warnings by the distributor in connexion with some other circumstances has tended to open his eyes to the evils which invariably follow in the train of this vice. He appears sometimes almost to shudder when he thinks of his past life - and of the wretchedness which in consequence has been brought upon his family. His wife the other day with tears in her eyes told me of his _partial_ reformation - and this determination to act on the principle of _entire_ _abstinence_ - She remarked that since he had quit his cups he had become an altered man - that she never before had received so much pleasure from his society - for she always had "dreaded his departure from home in the morning" and (for she knew it would be a day of dissipation) "and 'dreaded his return at night" - for she expected that the kind husband would be transformed by strong drink into a _disgusting_ object if not one of _terror_ to his family - His mind at present appears much exercised on the subject of religion. The subject of te[illegible] has been discussed considerably during the summer - and I think the way is now pretty much prepared for the formation of a Society - Measures are in train for this purpose We think that a Society properly organized in this place might be the means of effecting great good during the session of the Legislature - Many a time have I felt as though I _must_ "cry aloud and spare not" on this subject - but prudence has dictated a different course - Temperance Societies have in some instances been rendered unpopular here by _violent_ _measures_ - Experience I think has fully proved that men will open their eyes to the evils of intemperance only _by degrees_ - and that attempts to _tear_ off the scales that cover them - though they may _sometimes_ result in brilliant success - are yet _on the whole_ inexpedient. But While I hold that there may be a misguided zeal on all these subjects I would by no means make that an excuse for _inactivity_ - Every man can do something - and I feel as though every patriot and every _christian_ _especially_ was under obligations of fearful solemnity to rouse himself and ~~assist~~ bring the [illegible] ~~help to effect~~ the monster Intemper from our territories

Th[illegible] concerts of prayer for Missions and Sabbath Schools are regular[illegible] and well attended. Our congregations on the [illegible]ath have not lessened in number - and the prospect appears [illegible] fair ~~for a regular and permanent increase~~ - Before this reaches N York, you will have learned from other sources that a State Sunday School Union has been formed in Illinois - I trust your Missionaries in this State will not be backward in the redemption of the "pledge" which you thought fit to make. From personal knowledge I can say that there is at the present time a determination extensively existing on the part of clergymen and laymen here, to rise with fresh vigor to this work. How can there be a doubt that it is the cause of humanity and the cause of God. For one, I just as much expect that the improvements in the arts and sciences which so much distinguish our age will cease to be valued - that Steam Boats and Steam carriages will cease to fly over rivers, lakes and countries - and that canals, the world over, will become like so many ancient trenches and fortifications - covered with a heavy growth of timber - as that Sunday Schools will cease to be valued and become no more! The ~~inf~~ recent improvements in the culture of the infant and youthful mind are based upon a foundation as permanent as the improvements in the arts and sciences - and ~~they~~ it can no more be changed ~~shaken~~ than the laws of nature - Much light has been recently shed upon the philosophy of the infant mind. Some new facts have been discovered and ~~those~~ others long known have received a new application. We have then on this subject facts for the basis of our reasoning - and consequently our conclusions are entitled to as much confidence - as conclusions which are the result of the most rigid induction in physics - It is under such views, that I, trusting in the strength of the Lord, would go forward to the formations of Sabbath Schools. True the obstacles in the way are great, and I sometimes think appalling - but with the blessing of God the work can be accomplished - and therefore woe will be unto the people of God if they do not effect it.

Rev. A. Peters -

Yours &c

Theron Baldwin

P.S. Since my last communication I have supplied the pulpit here every Sabbath — Methodist Circuit Riders however I suppose will occupy it a part of the time hereafter — Have received a communication from Rev J. A. Root Sec of the Soc under whose patronage I labor — and answered it — Observe still my "Commission" is dated 17th Sept though I have not as yet 'labored' a year — Expect to spend the Winter in this place — Should be glad to have $50 more sent to my father as before whenever I am entitled to it —

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Rev Theron Baldwin
Vandalia Ill, Oct. 5. 1830
Report of labour will be glad
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Vandalia (Ill) Dec 15 1830

[Baldwin Theron]
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Rev A Peters
Cor Sec A.H.M.S

Dear Sir

My report was long since due but absence from Vandalia and the multiplicity of objects which have demanded my attention have hitherto prevented my addressing you.

Since my last report I have been absent from this place five Sabbaths — two in consequence of the meeting of Presbytery and Synod — and one I spent at Jacksonville. Spent one Sabbath at the meeting of our Presby in Wabash County — one in Washington Indiana on my way to Synod. Preach'd in Washington to a crowded audience — while a preacher of universal salvation who had an appointment at the same hour was had an opportunity of proclaiming [illegible] an audience of four persons only — Eye shall not likely [illegible] The next Sabbath spent at Synod — and the following one at Terre Haute (Ind.) My object in taking this route on [illegible] return was to visit the College at Bloomington for [illegible] purpose of acquiring information that might be valuable in reference to our operations at Jacksonville and also to explore the eastern section of this State with reference to the location of Missionaries — The whole of Wabash county is becoming an important field for Missionary labor. The Presbyterian church at Paris Edgar Co consisting of about 40 members — and which might pay at least $150 annually for the ~~preaching~~ support of the Gospel, is now destitute of a Pastor — Perhaps the Rev Mr Stewart a missionary [illegible] the Assembly's Board who has recently gone into Shelby Co may extend a portion of his labors to that people otherwise they will be destitute ~~of~~ for the year to come. There is also an important station at Palestine Crawford Co — this County now contains more than three thousand inhabitants — and is increasing fast in wealth and population. Vermilion ~~Co~~ is also becoming an important County and there are probably at the present time half a dozen and perhaps more stations in the Counties lying on the Wabash which present promising fields for missionary labor. I see no prospect of our being able to say to your Society that no more Missionaries are needed for our State—for it would seem that the more stations are occupied the more ~~there are~~ ~~that~~ need to be supplied. So that there is more danger that the number of Missionaries will fall far short of the real and pressing wants of the people—than that it will be too great. There are large sections of the State in which no ~~man~~ minister of our denomination has ~~already~~ been planted, and no such territory ought to be left without at least one laborer ~~further~~. It would be very pleasant for Missionaries to be located in the immediate vicinity of each other—but the interests of the great cause appear to demand that, at ~~the~~ present, ~~time~~ there should be no clustering of men— Our State evidently needs to be explored. ~~with reference to the location of Missionaries.~~ If all the important stations within our bounds were sought out and the ~~wishes~~ wants, resources, and ~~the~~ wishes of the people ascertained, and accurately reported, it would doubtless be productive of great good. ~~It~~ It would not only ~~be likely to~~ secure a judicious location of laborers, but ~~it~~ would also have a tendency to encourage and strengthen feeble churches,—~~to~~ promote the formation of new ones—and rouse and combine the energies of many individuals who love Zion, but, who, in consequence of their long destitution of the ordinances of the Gospel—and the improbability of their being very soon, ~~or~~ if ever, supplied, have sunk down into a kind of apathy— [Indulge me in a remark here which is the result of my own observation in the Western Country—viz—that any preacher who cannot succeed in N. E. had better stay at home than come ~~in~~ into this field. [illegible] an utter mistake that the people in the great Valley are so desirous of [illegible] the Gospel preached that they will gladly listen to any one—The [illegible] N. Englander, who is withal moderate in point of talent, common sense and knowledge of the human character—perhaps it is not too much to say [illegible] worse than useless as a preacher in this Western world]

The aspect of things in Vandalia still continues to be flattering. There is evidently an increasing desire to attend on the preaching of the Gospel—and our regular congregations have ~~become increasingly~~ ~~and~~ more numerous. Our church now numbers 21 members and more will probably ~~will~~ join soon—some on examination. The Sabbath School we have kept in operation, excepting an interval of a few weeks, since January last—and it has not declined in interest—

Some few of the scholars have recently manifested an anxious concern for their souls – The opinion is general, I believe, that it has done much good in this place – and its influence in the way of example has been useful elsewhere – We expect to continue it through the Winter, and as the Legislature is now in session at this place, gentlemen from different parts of the State occasionally visit it. So far as I know, they are universally pleased – and by thus placing the actual results of Sabbath school instruction before them – we hope that much will be done towards removing prejudice and enlisting feeling on behalf of these precious institutions. Our school was visited a few weeks since by an individual of distinction from one of the States South of this – and he was so much delighted with the examination of the scholars on the "Question Book" that he expressed his unqualified approbation of this system of instruction – and his determination to engage, immediately on his return home in the formation of S. Schools.

I know not on what principle you calculate the labor of your Missionaries – If they are considered as having entered on their labors as soon as they are within the bounds of the State – (and they generally preach every Sabbath from that time) then my year expired I believe on the second Sabbath of last month – but it will be a year next month since I was located at Vandalia. I have been [illegible] to visit Jacksonville at least once in three months during the year on the business of the College. The whole weight of that Institution during the year has rested upon brother S. and myself – and I need not tell you the amount of care and labor both physical & mental that are necessary to start and keep in operation for a year an institution like that at Jacksonville. As therefore a large proportion of my time and energies has been expended in the affairs of the College I have been unable to give them undivided to missionary [illegible]. However I feel as though what I have done for the College has been expended to a hundredfold advantage. I was at Jacksonville ~~the other day~~ a few days since and it did my heart good to run back in thought over the past year, to the time ~~when~~ when at a distance from ~~Jacksonville~~ the village, on the prairie, I first caught sight of the building – designed for a College edifice. It would seem that almost ~~every~~ all things have worked together for good ~~as it respects~~ in respect to this Institution – It now numbers more than 30 students and is constantly increasing – so that we have no doubt they will come in as fast as we can accommodate them – There is now a Bill before the Legislature to incorporate the Institution – and the Committee to whom ~~it~~ the subject was referred are ready to report unanimously in favor of such a charter as we have asked. ~~whether it will pass is not yet certain but we have strong hopes.~~ We trust this College was founded in prayer. ~~and~~ The Lord has been pleased in a peculiar manner to smile upon it. I have no doubt it is destined to exert a mighty influence. ~~and~~ God grant that it may be a holy influence.

~~Yours &c~~ Theron Baldwin

Suppose a hundred dollars are due me from the Society — and I would wish that sent to my father as before — It is uncertain how much I shall be able to get here — T. B.

Vandalia Ill
Dec 17
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Rev. Absalom Peters
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Rev. Theron Baldwin
Vandalia Ill. Dec 15 1830
Report — sundry ways of state
[illegible] Ten Sund. S. of Ill. — expects to come on to the East on an Agency for the College & wishes to continue under the patronage of this Socy. — Has been 2 Dols. per Nov since he first entered the State
Requests his dues sent to his Father supposes $100 —
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A vote has been passed by the board of Trustees — to send me to the East in the Spring on an Agency for the College. Shall probably leave here early in March — and I may be absent till Sept or Oct. I am of course now laboring without any Commission — and shall labor here at any rate till I start for the East — I know not what course your Missionaries take when their Commissions expire — but I will simply express a wish to continue under the patronage of the Soc. If I go on the Agency however I can labor in the service of the Soc. but a small portion of the coming year — I expect to attend General Assembly & the Anniversary in N. York. The first anniversary of the Ill. S.S. Union was very interesting — will send an Report in a few days —

[BERGEN]

Springfield Jany 22d 1830

My dear Sir

Brother Our prospects in this part of the Redeemer's kingdom brighten. Five years ago & we had but one minister in this state. Now we have fifteen. One year has made an almost immeasurable change. At the next meeting of our Presbytery we shall agree to have it divided. Then we shall have one in these upper counties, than which you never beheld a fairer or more inviting region & to which a tide of emigration rolls ~~with~~ with an unexampled rapidity. Through its centre runs the broad, smooth & deep Illinois which is navigable more than 300 miles. ~~The~~ The boatmen who have seen it say there is not a finer ~~steam~~ channel for steam boats. A steam boat ascended last autumn nearly that distance. At the head of navigation on that river, at what is called the Rapids, a canal to join its waters with those of Lake Michigan was surveyed & located last fall. It will be about 100 miles long & mostly thro a level route. So we shall form a junction by steam boats on the lakes with your great northern canal. Steam power is doing every thing for the west. It almost annihilates distance. It brings the most distant points close to the centre. It has appeared to me after more than a year careful attention to the climate, soil, productions, ~~the whole~~ great water privileges in this state, having Wabash on ~~our~~ the east, the Ohio on ~~our~~ the south the Mississippi on ~~our~~ the west, the Illinois & Sangamon thro ~~our~~ the centre, & the inexhaustible mines on ~~our~~ the north, that ~~it places~~ hereafter hold out the highest & richest prospects of abundance, usefulness & comfort, to ~~the thousands~~ of the eastern & middle states. And is not now the time while there is a stagnation of business in ~~the old states~~ ~~your cities~~, a depression in many of your great establishments, & hundreds are thrown out of employment ~~while~~ & here the best selections are yet to be made? A thorough conviction on these points by many letters from my relatives in native ~~country~~ ~~parts~~, together with a full belief that our popula=tion in the west ~~so fast & so increasing~~ was outgoing the institutions of religion, science & common learning, induced me with my little family vol=untarily to lay down our many inducements in the east & to take our stand here. Ob=servation have deepened ~~the~~ our persuasion of the wisdom importance & absolute necessity of this decision. My only regret now is that we ~~have~~ did not come ~~here~~ sooner. — I know not that these remarks into which I have been insensibly led will comport with your paper; if they do not & you conceive them of any importance to call attention to this country, you may hand them to the N.Y. Observer. — When I first saw Mr. Ellis a little more than a year ago, he told me he ~~had located at Jacksonville~~ & was fixed in his purpose to abide in this state while up to that hour, he could see scarcely a ray of hope dawning on our cause in Illinois. Oh what has God wrought ~~for us~~ it? He has given it favor in ~~the sight~~ of a large portion of the intelligent & pious. He has raised it up friends & patrons in the east. A thousand eyes look this way; a thousand hearts beat for its welfare & a thousand hands are opened for its help. The success which are ominous for the prosperity ~~[illegible]~~ of religion & learning has occurred at home & abroad, on our late appeal, speaks volumes in our behalf. No doubt it is destined amid opposition if it must be so to exert a wide & lasting influence on the dearest interests of the present & future coming population. It is now in operation. Our number of ministers ought now to be doubled, & I believe it will be soon. I know not ~~it is true~~ how they will be supported, but God will provide. What ought to be done can be done. And under God the church has ample means to do it. In this county there are more than fifty accredited ministers. I speak by computation. Ten more may be added & the whole number exceed it. This instead of being a reason why fewer should ~~[illegible]~~ be sent any more, is as much the weightier on the side of sending. Who does not know that Presbyterian ministers are every where the friends of improvement of light, love, religion, literature &c. The cry in the east is echoed in the west that Presbyn seek a union of church & state. But where do you find a Presbyn. minister a senator, a congressman, a governor, a lieutenant governor, a member of assembly, a judge or magistrate or even a clerk of a county? Who that considers does not know, that we avow & act on the avowal of direct ~~contrariety~~ opposition to such union as one of the greatest curses which could befal the church? "My kingdom said J. is not of this world." All it asks is a place in the heart. This it claims by divine right. And the amount of this claim is love to God & man. Blessed be God for the grace of our risen & coming saviour which has since the dawn of the nineteenth century waked up the church to her duty the conversion of the nation to God, & trust she will never sleep again. It seems to me that all the improvements in science, navigation, speed of travelling, & means of connection &c. [illegible] for this day were so designed by the great head of the church to expedite the coming of righteousness & truth. And may the ch. say with one voice, by whatever name called "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly."

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Rev John G. Bergen
Springfield Ill.
Jan 28. 1832 Recd Feb 7

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Dear Sir

I have filled my sheet very differently from what I intended. You may expect another shortly. We are all well & happy thro the goodness of God.

Yours in the best bonds
John G. Bergen

[Bergen Rev. John]

Springfield Feb. 24th 1830 –

Dear Sir

It is not long since I addressed you, but my letter failed to speak on several topics of no small interest to us all. Last summer we judged the arrangements for our meeting house were so surely made that they would have accomplished their end before this time. You are doubtless convinced & I have learned by considerable experience, that calculations to accomplish religious or literary purposes or indeed any other public enterprise cannot be made & relied on in these parts as th can in the east. Every thing materials & men are ew & untried & the citizens are strangers to each other. e contractors for the walls were slow in their movements, unfortunate in their first kilns of brick & the quality of many of the rock for the foundation & finally when they were under rapid progress with the walls, a period of unprecedented cold weather for the season & of long continuance fell on us in Nov. w[illegible] arrested the work & amid much consultation put an end to it until spring opens. So the principal burden of paying for the house will come on the community this year. My dear Sir, I have been really perplexed; but not cast down, for daily observation convinces me that in the providence of God we had no small preparation for the scenes & events in wh. we now mingle. The elders have talked with me on the subject of some support for this year, but I know not what advice to give. They had contrary to my advice neglected to open a subscription for this purpose at the very beginning & now when the burden of the building is on us I feared to advise to make an effort also for a salary. On this ground you excused them last year. Nor did I know how to burden you or even to ask you to bear the burden you did so cheerfully last year. I stated them some little time since, I was concluding to say to you, that if you will promise me a certain sum I would depend on that & if the people here did any thing well & if not we should not complain. You know we have but one male member in town or near it & all others live – one 3. another 10. & the others 20. miles from us. – I named some of the above things to Dr Todd one of our trustees. While these reflections passed in my mind & were passing – Dr Todd, Dr Jayne & Mr Stuart a lawyer & others told me they had started a paper for the above purpose. $150. is subscribed – & I think it will be paid. The principal people of town subscribed cheerfully & I am satisfied they are on our side notwithstanding the conflict of different sects, especially the Methodists. They have sent on this circuit their greatest champion of men. He has missed his aim by overacting &c &c I have not put on controversial armor. There is 20. or more Methodist men in town & its close vicinity. Their meeting-house, wh. was commenced in opposition stands in a worse condition than ours. the frame is only raised in part. You will soon receive a letter from Dr Todd or the trustees jointly. I have not complained at not seeing my name as yet among the appointees I knew the principles wh. governed you well enough & hoped that by a way I saw not all would be best. – I trust you will communicate to me speedily.

Last year I received from you a draft of $200, I have drawn on you for the additional sum of $100 & directed you to pay to the A. B. S. $80. – The sum wh. we have received from the people is a little less than $20. – of this $5.50 was cash & the rest produce. – If the $80 – is paid to the A. B. S. to the credit of the Sangamon Co. B. S. – this will be your receipt in full of $400 – for the year ending in Dec. 1829. – – I have also received the $100. for our meeting house. At the time it was drawn for, it was expected we should need to use it in a few weeks, –

We have received upwards of 20. members during the past year. But they are widely scattered. Some of them are separated from each other more than 40 miles. – Our church in this state is happy & uniting. The our members & ministers are few & far between they are united. The Baptists tho numerous are agreed in nothing but immersion. Since a large part of them make this every thing. Alexander Cambel is destroying them. Some of their small churches are rent into three parties & hold no communion with each other The schism in the Methodist church extends to these parts. We are taking possession of the most prominent posts. Our cause is rising. The community far & wide see it. Many of the most intelligent hail it with approbation. The truth that the Presbyn. ministry are ever the friends of knowledge religious & literary, of sound feeling & efficient acting in spiritual & temporal things, is well understood by these. They are the promoters of all improvements for the well being of man — It appears to me there are three qualities which if not indispensable, ought to be considered nearly so, in the men you send here — fixed purpose to abide — strong feeling — & a capacity to speak loud if necessary — the the latter meets the character of the people & the former will enable him to take his measures & pursue them —; piety & other attainments always supposed. When I named Vandalia to you after my first visit there I did not know it was as promising a field as I found it to be on a more intimate acquaintance with it at Vy. I was providentially directed late in the evening & seeing to call at the dwelling of Judge Hall, Secty of Treasury of this state & there I found a hospitable home. By this or some letters from him since we have great reason to rejoice in our interview. He & his wife & several others have joined our ch. there. I should have written to you about it early, but as Mr. Baldwin arrived meanwhile we agreed to locate him there & they are highly pleased. — By consulting with Mr. Ellis, Watson & others we are of opinion that now, now is the juncture when we should have a minister located about 20. miles from this place where 2. elders of this ch. reside — It is a large settlement & in a space of 20 miles about it there are many settlements on the Sangamon river & its tributaries — The Cumberlands have a small ch. in that neighborhood & their minister who was one of their smartest men has lately moved away. Three of their members are about to join us two of them were Pbyn. formerly — I have talked with our members there & they say the community is favorable to it. They will never ask as much for a minister while he is in their vicinity — I believe that any 10. or 12. families who have their farms open can without burden supply a minister's family with all the staples of life, if they are adjoining — You may hear more from us on this subject — We are all well thro great mercy — John G. Bergen

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Rev. John G. Bergen, Springfield Ill. Feb 24. 1830 Report of [illegible] labor — wishes $30 paid to the A.B. Soc. — Makes donation of $70 — (i.e. Bal. of $400 — $330 being pd him)

[Reid, Samuel & others]

[BERGEN]

Springfield Ill

Sir

February 26 1830

The undersigned a Committee appointed by the Presbyterian Church of this place to superintend their fiscal concerns, have deemed it proper in the absence of the Officers of the Church to make this Communication with the accompanying intelligence - In the mean time permit us to acknowledge with gratitude the benevolent feeling which prompted your Society to send out and sustain amongst us your Missionary the Revd Mr Bergen - and we gladly bear testimony to the zeal faithfulness and affectionate manner in which he has discharged his duties - We regard no station in all the rising West of more importance to be sustained than this - a County and Town populating beyond example and destined at no distant period to become a place of considerable ~~[illegible]~~ in our Country- How important then to give a proper tone and Character to this people? already has a great Moral change been wrought which is distinctly felt and visible among us, and we hope and believe it is but the commencement of better & happier events- Solicitous as we are on this Subject yet we have done nothing in aid of a Society which has done So much for us- In extenuation it must be said that there are few of the Presbyterian denomination and they are widely Seperated; other Churches are in our neighborhood of other Sects regularly Supplied, and some of them zealously discouraging Missionary efforts, and few who view these matters as of Superior importance-

Efforts have been made to build a house of worship in this place and we hope ere another year is gone, to have it finished and occupied- This has indeed been an undertaking and has demanded of its friends their Strongest efforts and but for the generous aid furnished us in the East might have languished & failed —

Having now as we believe made the necessary arrangements for the Church the sum of $150 — has been raised and will be placed in the hands of Mr Bergen in aid of his support the present year and relying upon your benevolence we hope to have him continued to us — with Sentiments of respect y

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Revd Absolem Peter
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New York

Samuel Reid
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Committee

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[Bergen, Rev. John]
From Rev. John G.
Bergen

Springfield ~~Illinois~~ March 31st 1830

M. M.

~~My dear Brother~~

~~My dearest friend.~~ I hasten to ~~unbosom it to you~~. We have had a most precious meeting of Presbytery here this morning the last of the [illegible] closed its ~~journey~~ in the Lord. Br. Alexander ~~would~~ have done good to your heart ~~good~~ & the hearts of a multitude of God's dear ministers & people among you ~~[illegible]~~, to have been here. ~~We have 11 ministers & 7 elders.~~ We had preaching twice on every ~~night~~ day of our sessions & on the Sabbath the ~~Lord's supper~~. Our ~~last day~~ assemblies increased in number & solemnity & intense interest to the close. On the evening of the second day the power of God was manifestly present ~~[illegible]~~ had been & ~~at least~~ ~~one of my dear children~~ ~~She has not yet~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the comforter ~~[illegible]~~ I do not say ~~[illegible]~~ ~~prayer~~ but I do say the prospect ~~[illegible]~~ kingdom ~~of the dear~~ ~~Redeemer~~ is brightening & rising among us. We ~~[illegible]~~ 8 on examination & 13 on certificate ~~[illegible]~~ We have a prayer meeting at 9 o'clock

in the morning which was a general attendance &
in which the elders & private members
were called to lead in prayer. Their pray-
=ers were enlightened, enlarged & ardent;
~~just such as you would find in one~~
of your prayer meetings. It is judged there
were not less than 500 professed present during
the public exercises. The intelligence & respect-
=ful appearance of the assembly, the [illegible]
=ued order & prevailing solemnity throughout
the protracted yet varied exercises of the
day from 9. to 3. in the afternoon have
=confirmed any conceptions I had formed in
the east of these parts & have given to
them equality in all respects with your
[illegible] since in your ~~country~~ towns ~

Having lived in the central part of
the ~~Ohio~~ Presbyterian Ch. as you know, I have of course
been at many meetings of Presbytery but seldom
have I been in enjoyed a happier one
than this. We have 14 ministers & 7 elders
Present number of ministers & appeal for more.
present. We have 16. ministers within our
bounds. For piety, talents, attainments &
devotedness, the ministry of the Ch. in Illinois
will not suffer in comparison with any other.
~~In saying this you will do justice [illegible] approve~~
~~my motives.~~ But the people of God we need
=larged to lift up their hands, but others
to encourage & come over & help us. If
=will they can locate themselves in
their most inviting & promising

region
~~[illegible]~~ in town or country ~~with great ad-~~
~~-vantage~~ healthy ~~of~~ [illegible] ~~comfort & fertility~~
of [illegible] ~~prospect~~ where they will find,
in quality, their various christian privi-
-leges. Now is the most important time. Now
the best selections are to be made. Now they
can do the best for themselves & families.
~~[illegible]~~ now, ~~they~~ can do the best for
the kingdom of God ~~[illegible]~~. because it is ~~[illegible]~~
taking its form in their feelings & the best for
it abroad by their example & influence. Their
will never be needed so much as at this
time. Why should not laymen feel it to be
their duty equally with ministers to go
where they can do the most good? Let the
[illegible] over the hills of New England ~~of the~~
enquiry ~~go~~ among the churches on the
Atlantic shore— ? There is an immediate de-
-mand for 12 missionaries on this ground. You will learn
soon from our Board. We have located the Rev. John
McDonald of Ohio sometime under your patronage at
Union Grove Rapids of Illinois. Thither I [illegible] recently in
time to go & aid him in organizing a church. I have
Catty, [illegible] Shelby Co. & Macon Co. & been out many
to the main fork of the Kaskaskia river about three
east 70 miles from this place. These counties are of the
second grade only to any in the state. Their population
is large & respectable. ~~Now~~ we should have a minister
in each; certainly one between them. Their county towns
are about 25 miles apart. — ~~The immediate object of~~
my going was to ascertain whether a report which we had
heard was true, that the Rev. Mr. Hanly one of the Sunday
School agents who came out last fall had perished in the
tree. His horse was taken up beyond the small fork of the
Kaskaskia with his saddle on & strap of particular streams
[illegible] his neck as he used it. He had been at my house
times. We went to the house where he left his coat night a place
[illegible] I could identify the horse & all. We all feel
he perished of the extreme [illegible] of the 18th Jany. [illegible] in [illegible]
Kaskaskia. There was [illegible] out [illegible] call there. I have communicated the particulars
to his parents & to the A.S.S.U. — [illegible]
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The Rev. Absalom Peters
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[Bergen, Rev. J. G.]

~~om Rev. J. G. Bergen, Springfield Ill. July 26th 1830~~

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~~Dear Sir~~

Your ~~letter of date July 10th~~ has been duely
recieved, conveying to us the gratefull ~~intelligence~~
~~of the donation~~ of a package of books ~~for our~~
~~S. S. library~~ from the ~~benevolence of the~~ Hampshire
Missionary Society of Mass. for our S. S. library.
It is now a year ~~since~~ we organized our S. S. in
town. ~~We procured~~ the Union questions and a libra-
=ry in the beginning. The school has flourished with
pleasing success. ~~we have had rising to scholars~~,
~~the present attendants however~~ do not much exceed
~~of that number~~. Our Methodist Brethren separated
from us not long since. This of course they had
a right to do, and I wish I could add they did
it in a christian spirit. It is painful at all times,
and specially so in these times when the enemies of
evangelical truth and of every benevolent christian en-
=terprise, however they may differ on other points or be
actuated by the most opposite principles and motives,
whether atheistical deists or Romish unitarian, uni-
=versalist & antinomian, yet hold agreement in oppo-
=sing these, to see those ministers and members with
whom we love to go throwing themselves in a measure
on the same side and by their uncharitable remarks
& say the least make and leave on the public mind
~~preverted impression against their conduct~~ love and
~~labor~~. We thank you for these books ~~important~~
This and the like doings are among the principal things
which are needed to promance the cause of S. Schools
these parts. Altho we are at this distance from the
centre, we feel ~~friends and enemies~~ feel, the impulse
of the centripetal power of the benevolent associations,
councils, ~~institutions~~ and efficient doings ~~of the great~~
~~omniscience~~ which have arisen in this age to bless our
ence and the world. We respond with ac-
=cordance to your pledges

of aiding in carrying on the work. We want books
for the purpose and a convenient opportunity of get-
=ting them. We must have pious laymen. And why
do they not come? There are thousands scattered
thro' your churches who can be well spared. The
duties which they could perform here with great
efficiency, are performed ~~there~~ by other hands, so that they
are in a measure lost ~~to the~~ church. Here they can
~~better~~ improve their circumstances themselves and families; and who can tell
the amount of present and future good which even
one hundred families of this character could do
if they were scattered in ~~small~~ neighborhoods thro'
~~this~~ county? ~~and the like in other counties?~~ "Ye are
the salt of the earth." Let such individuals consider
well and they will find the appeal is strong to their
interest and duty, for the present ~~and~~ the future, for them-
=selves and the generation which is to come. ~~In~~ Several
S.S. which were brought into existence last winter thro' the
instrumentality of the lamented Handy, expired al-
=most as soon as they were named, for want of the con-
=venience of getting books. Besides, ~~many~~ some here as
elsewhere, are ~~[illegible]~~ opposed, ~~to the benevolent oper-~~
~~=ations of the day~~, few can be enlisted ~~and disposed~~
or as teachers, and altho the instruction is gratuitous
yet some money to procure books is indispensable,
this can be had with great difficulty and when
you add the distance of 100 to 150 to be travelled
~~to St. Louis~~ to procure them the difficulty becomes
almost insurmountable and after one or two unsuc-
=cessful attempts the feeble energies of the undiscip-
=lined leaders let the object go as unattainable. The
number of S.S. depositories ought to be increased in the
country. At least there should be one here as a central
point in a wide populous region. The capital cannot
be raised in this country to pay in advance to plant
a depository. But if a portion of the capital which is
invested in books could lie in the country deposi-
=tories, the books would be more abundant, more
sold, more read and the proceeds return to the fount-
=ain, so that without expending a dollar ultimately,
more S.S. would be established and sustained,
than can be by the expense of agents without them.
An agent may so far infuse his spirit into the people
as that he shall see a S.S. Society come

into life, but when he is gone, they look about with fumbling for ways and means and since them so indiscipible ~~that the society after a few faint actings ceases to breathe.~~ — We have just formed for this town and county a Temperance society consisting of 23 members the number, I am confident will soon be increased to more than 100. I have been endeavouring more than a year to prepare the way by conversing preaching reading Dr. Beecher's sermons and smaller works to the people and scattering tracts so that when we came to act at two public assemblies each of about 100 persons the first sign of opposition was not made but spoken to the credit of the people. A gentleman of standing surprised and delighted us arose and gave in his name and said "I have been a temperate drinker all my days and thought there was no harm in the prudent use of spirits but now I see this the seat of the evil". — Since the meeting of Presbytery in April I have been on a preaching tour through Tazewell Co. north of this as far as the Rapids of the Illinois River, 30 miles east where the Michigan canal will intersect that river. There about twelve miles west of the Big Vermillion is a very interesting Presbyterian settlement of intelligent and active Christians. They have also a minister the Rev. John McDonald. Here we organized a church consisting of upwards of 20 members. They exert themselves with great zeal to support the Gospel, to forward the Bible, Temperance and Sunday School causes. It is a most interesting ~~region~~ region and has some natural advantages ~~over this~~, such as more and better ~~sites~~ sites for mills and machinery of every kind. The climate is more like that of N. England. It will be at the ~~place~~ head of the river navigation ~~at~~ at the mouth of the canal. — ~~On my return I visited Fort Clark, which although an old place, settled first by the French 100 years ago, has very few houses and is doubtless destined to be of very minor importance for a long time to come.~~ — Pekin is a new town in Tazewell Co. about 60 miles below the Rapids and a like distance from Springfield ~~this place~~. It is a beautiful situation. It stands on a high bluff on the Ill. and is surrounded by a fine country. The land on which it stands only came in market last autumn. There are about 30 families in the town. 20 new houses were built there since January and there is probably rising 4000 inhabitants in the Co. as also that of the county. Within six miles of it there is not less than 1000 people. We have a few members there. — We ought also ~~there we must have a minister~~ ~~at the mouth of Fox river soon~~ to have a ~~preacher~~ at Chicago now ~~and one at the~~ laying off a town. ~~The same place is ab~~ ~~when the canal commissioners~~ ~~prominently important~~ — I preached every day except two or three, sometimes to large, always to attentive & apparently deeply interested audiences. ~~providence of God~~ ~~all were~~ my labor ~~[illegible]~~ The court house is nearly done. It goes slowly. The undertaker of this is also our brother ~~[illegible]~~ called most of the workmen.

Your brother in the best cause

John G. Bergen

[Bliss · Stephen]

Wabash Co. Ill. April 9 - 1830

Rev. Absalom Peters
r. Sec. of the A.H.M.S.
New York

Rev. and Dear Sir,

I have hitherto neglected to make out a quarterly report from the expectation of hearing more definitely from you. In the Home Miss. for January I notice my reappointment. Whether the date of this appointment is at the expiration of the former or at some subsequent period am not informed -

Since my last report I have been able to fill all my appointments for preaching but one also for stated Conference or prayer meetings except two or three - these failures were owing to ill-health, high waters or other causes beyond my control - During the winter and spring I have seldom preached except on Sabbath - the traveling has generally been such as to render it difficult to collect a congregation on other days in the week - the weekly Lec. prayer meeting has been kept up - the Monthly concert for prayer is regularly attended - in some respects more interest is taken in these exercises than formerly - the duty is becoming more generally felt, of aiding in the great cause of benevolence, not only by prayer, but by alms. A collection is taken up at each concert in behalf of the Amer. H.M. Soc. the sum collected in this way will be but a small item - Three Sabbaths in the month I superintend the Sab. Schl. and attend the bible class - have obtained a set of "Union Questions," and a choice collection of Sab. Schl. books for a Juvenile library - much interest is at present taken in these institutions - We are in daily expectation of a box of bibles designed to supply all the destitute in the County - the cause of temperance is progressing tho its friends have many difficulties to encounter -

Your humble servant
Stephen Bliss

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P.S.

Dear Sir, If you have forwarded a remittance by mail according to my request in my last you will please inform me by letter. Should your letter be finally lost it must be at my risque as I dictated the mode of conveyance — If you have not forwarded any funds you will please to defer it until I write again Our Bib. Soc. will soon make a remittance to the parent institution the business can then be adjusted —

— have not been able to obtain any new Subscribers for the Home Missionary you will please to continue to send on the numbers of the 3d Vol. as they are issued to the persons whose names I have already forwarded and deduct the same from my quarterly instalment

Rev. Absalom Peters

yours respectfully
S. Bliss

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Dear Sir

The Juvenile Miss Society of S.S. No 8 have concluded to accept of Mr S. Bliss as the object of their patronage — they are now ready to pay half the amt agreed upon.

Yours &c

Dan W. Kissam

V. President

Rev A. Peters

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~~Rev. Absalom Peters~~
~~Cor. Sec. of A.H.M. Soc.~~ } Illinois

From Rev. S. Bliss, Wabash Co. Ill.

No 2

~~Rev. & Dear Sir~~,

Since my last ~~report of affairs~~ & nothing of special interest has ~~occurred in our County worthy the attention of the Ex. Com.~~ Yet there is evidently an increased interest & exertion in behalf of benevolent institutions. This increased effort, I hail as a harbinger of good. In addition to the Sab. Schl. which I last reported (now well supplied with a Juvenile Library) another has gone into successful operation, & additional funds to near the amount of $30. have been already sent to Philadelphia for a supply of books. Another flourishing Sab. Schl. in Mt Carmel has recently gone into operation under the auspices of the Methodist Society. In these ~~two~~ three schools are gathered in from Sabbath to Sabbath nearly two hundred children salutary who are ~~brought under the influence of the Sab. & m~~ instructed ~~& taught~~ in the oracles of God — Owing to my present arrangements for preaching in two different & sometimes distant neighbourhoods on every Sab. in the month, except one, & then at a considerable distance from home, I am under the necessity of meeting my Bib. Class on some other day in the week, in consequence of this the number attending is not so great as it otherwise would be. Rev. C. Allen Tract Agent recently visited us & assisted in organizing a Tract Society. ~~On the first Thursday in~~ July the Board of Directors of the Bib. Soc. have appointed a meeting, to receive the reports of the several agents who were previously appointed to distribute a Bib. to every destitute family in the Co. I trust the supply will have ~~been accomplished or nearly so by that time~~

The Temperance Soc. is gathering strength & numbers (but vastly too slow by a hundred fold) The hundred headed monster to be combated is indeed a powerful foe, having long defyed the whole armies of Israel. Our Methodist brethren have already marched into the field with some well disciplined troops, & Another temperance Soc. aux to the A. Tem. Soc. having recently been organized in the Co. under their influence. ~~War is already declared against the common~~ enemy — ~~a number of troops are already in the field~~ recruits are coming in — the sword is drawn — & may it never be put into the scabbard, whilst the monster finds a single lurking place that may afford him even a temporary harbour —

At our last sacramental meeting on the 13th inst three additional members were received as members of the church by certificate (The Commission you sent me for the current year arrived safe) I feel a deep interest in behalf of the Sab. Schl. As mentioned in your last — they had previously written me — I have made to them two communications.

Yours in the bonds of the gospel Stephen Bliss

~~Rev. Absalom Peters~~
~~Cor. Sec. of A.H.M.S. N.Y.~~

~~Centreville Wabash Co. Ill. May 23 18[illegible]~~

From a Missionary Report

Rev. & Dear Sir,

The time has already passed for my third qr'ly report. — but as I have now nothing to report of special success I will here advert to obstacles that lie in the way of success. — I must barely state that I am on the ground endeavouring to occupy & fill the station assigned me — O that I might drink more at the well of salvation & be more imbued with the spirit of my divine Master — We have great need of special reviving influences of the Holy Spirit in our church & congregations both as it respects minister & people — our congregations are not full — our stated prayer meetings not so well attended as formerly — Altho' much blame may with propriety be attached to minister & private christians for want of holy zeal, a spirit of prayer & persevering energy in the cause of Christ, yet we feel more & more a counteracting influence that is beyond human control, — an influence emanating from the schools of infidelity & rolling on to the West like a desolating flood designed to ~~[illegible]~~ prostrate the cause of benevolence & ~~[illegible]~~ sweep from the earth vital piety & sound morality. The watch words of the enemy, ("speculation", "Union of church & State",) are becoming familiar with all who are in heart opposed to ~~systematic~~ benevolent operations — Such are some of the counteracting efforts that are brought to bear against our little Bible Co. benevolent societies & painful to reflect, some (I trust but a small number) who profess to be the followers of the benevolent Saviour cast the weight of their influence into the same scale of the enemy. I fear your Missionaries in the West have, as yet, only been engaged in small skirmishes in comparison to the general battle yet to be fought. But they are sustained by the declaration of the Saviour "Lo, I am with you always," They are encouraged from the reflection that the cause in which they have embarked is the cause of truth, the cause of God, & will prevail against all opposition — & greatly strengthened by the sympathies, prayers & persevering zeal of our brethren at the East in the sacrifices made to send us the bread of life — to send us aid in erecting & sustaining the institutions of the gospel. ~~We cannot fully express our joy & gratitude for the efforts that is making to establish Sab. Schls in the Valley of the Miss. — the greatest obstacle in the way will probably be the want of suitable persons to conduct the schls — We have as yet but the two schools which I mentioned in my last, in operation — we are endeavouring to start more — have just received an additional supply of books for Juvenile Libraries~~

Stephen Bliss

Rev. Stephen Bliss. Centreville
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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. of A.H.M.Soc.
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Wabash Co. Ill. Nov. 11th 1830.

Rev. & Dear Sir

The time is so short since my last report, & so much of that time employed in attending meetings of Presbytery & Synod, that I have now but little to communicate relative to the congregations where I labour. One family has removed out of our neighbourhood, which has taken six members from our church — have received two other members, heads of different families, one by profession one by certificate. I have bestowed considerable attention to the Sab. School department and altho at present I am unable to report any additional School in actual operation, yet [illegible] convinced that three or four of about 50 scholars [illegible] numbers, might go into immediate operation, with funds sufficient for juvenile libraries, if suitable persons could be found to conduct them.

I trust the Lord has heard the prayers & witnessed the tears of his people with regard to the destitutions of means in S.S. instruction — Our sorrow & grief were suddenly turned into joy, hope & high expectations, by propositions made by Mr Bullard Gen. Secretary of Amer. S.S. Union, at our recent meeting of Presbytery. That State Union proposes to take Illinois under its fostering care, as it respects S.School operations, appropriate funds to establish a general depository of S.S. Books for the supply of the State, & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] favourable for the [illegible] of country [illegible] prepare to enter largely [illegible] the improving system

Mr [illegible] is now traversing the State to ascertain the wants of the country as it respects S.S. teachers. The object is, when these wants are definitely ascertained, to search out & encourage pious lay-members of the church, in the older States (male & females) to emigrate to this part of the country & settle down in their respective occupations (where they are needed) with special reference to S.Sch. instructions & other benevolent operations.

Presbytery convened Oct. 9 in one of my congregations, thirteen ministers present, we had a harmonious & interesting meeting — much good seed was sown, which will not be in vain: a good degree of solemnity — several anxiously enquiring the way of salvation — ~~[illegible] of any who are rejoicing in hope.~~ The brethren came from 60 to 300 miles to attend Presbytery — We then rode 160 miles to Madison Ind. to attend Synod. The Presbytery of Illinois is now divided into three presbyteries — now about 40 presbyterian Ministers in the state, — measures are taken to form a new Synod in this state, to be organized next year in —

We have taken up a collection in aid of the H.M.S. in but one of my congregations, which amounts to the small sum of eight dollars, which you will please to deduct from my quarterly instalments & for the balance of my instalments, you will please to transmit a draft by mail.

I have entertained hopes, that we should not be under the necessity of again making application to your Soc. for aid — but we are yet in a feeble state. My subscription would not exceed $130. that mostly in produce — this altho' small is in general to the extent of the ability of the subscribers, & this together with the aid received from your Soc. enables me in my present [illegible] situation &c.

support my little family & attend to the duties of the ministry. As I cannot, at present, consent to abandon this station, or divert my attention almost wholly to secular concerns, for support I am constrained to comply with the request of the church in this place, [illegible] soliciting further aid from the A.H.M.S. for another year

Yours respectfully Stephen Bliss

We the undersigned, Elders of Wabash church, unite in the request made above by Mr Bliss and in the name of the church renew our application to the A.H.M.S. for aid in the support of the gospel another year

Cyrus Danforth
Thomas Gould

[DANVILLE] [Skinner, D.]

Extract of a letter from a Young Lady a professor of religion residing in Danville Illinois

I am happy to hear that you are all so much interested in the Home Mission, and trust you will continue to be so. O if you were only here, you would feel, doubly feel, the importance of the Gospel Ministry — you wish to know the state of Religion here. I will give you my idea's, and all the information that I have been able to obtain — There is a Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist Church formed, the number of members of the two latter I have not ascertained — The Presbyterian consists of fourteen members — they have no settled Pastor, no regular Communion, and few evening meetings.. There is but little difference between the Sabbath and other days of the week, where this is the case there can be little or no vital Religion — I will now lay before you the plan suggested by some of the Presbyterians to obtain a settled Clergyman — One of the Gentlemen wrote last Winter to the board of Home Missions, stating the situation of the place — knowing however the calls made upon that Society, he did not solicit assistance, but left it optional with them to render it or not, but he has not yet received an answer — The assistance they want is funds sufficient to enable them to support a settled Pastor they think that they can raise half the sum — say, two hundred dollars the first year, and the same annually the second, and they wish to know if the Home Mission would do the rest — that is, half two hundred dollars, if not, how much. The Gentlemen have concluded that their best way will be to get some Person at the East to ascertain these particulars, and also, if there is any Young Man qualified for a new country who would be willing for a small compensation to take charge of the Congregation here, and another in the vicinity if it should be thought consistent. if so, converse with him on the subject, and if he gives any encouragement, write to them — The Gentlemen to whom I have alluded have no Friends at the East who would feel interested in this subject, and have requested me to write and interest my Friends for them —

I would request you my dear Mother not only to make enquiries yourself, but to mention the circumstances to Mr Brace, the Mr Hubbards, Mr Ware, and any others you think best — What we wish you to do is, to answer the above questions. if there is a Person who would be contented to settle with a small salary in such a place as this, write to me and I will shew the letter to the Church, they will write what they can do and make such arrangements as they think proper — I have taken a bold stand, but I feel that I ought to act as I am requested, and am confident that our Friends that our Friends will do all in their power for us — If there can be any method adopted which is thought preferable to this, I wish you would write us, as we are very anxious to know what our prospects are..

Rev. Stephen Bliss } Centreville
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[Ellis Rev. John]

Jacksonville, Jan. 31. 1830.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

It is with no small degree of satisfaction that I can again address you from my "home in the west." I am happy to add that the object of my late tour to the eastern states has been accomplished in a manner beyond what we had dared to anticipate in so short a time.— And since my return we have had the satisfaction to observe that Providence, which we have ever trusted, has accommodated every occurrence in relation to the Seminary, so as to promote instead ~~[illegible]~~ of hindering its best interests, by conciliating prejudices, disarming opposition, & securing public sentiment more decidedly in favor of this & other similar efforts.—

I send you enclosed, the resolutions passed at a meeting of the Stockholders before my return, (Dec. 18.) It would be well perhaps to have the whole or a part published in such a way as to bring them before the eyes of the different classes of the contributors to the funds.—

An error has been occasioned, I apprehend, in the printed statement of the amount of funds, by means of a letter from New York to an individual in Illinois (~~from~~ Maj. Lamb.—) So far as I know the $10,000— of subscription from abroad and the $2000 in Illinois, includes the whole amount of subscription.

The number of students in the Seminary is 17. Others from various sections of the county are making arrangements to attend— Our only cause for apprehension is, that of being overwhelmed with students before suitable accommodations are

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prepared for their reception. The present building contains, besides the large school room, but 4 rooms for students.

Of the $200 voted for my support, by your society, for the year 1829, $100 has been received. For the remainder, I desire that a draft of $50 be sent to Crocker & Brewster of Boston; & one of $27 be sent to Dea. Jared Hosford, of Thetford Vt. and another of $23 be sent to the Treasurer of Dartmouth College care of Prof. Charles B. Haddock, Hanover N.H.

I shall soon send you an account of the prospects for another year.

On the last week in Jan. I had the pleasure of being present at Schuyler County in the Military District, & aiding in the formation of a Presbyterian church of 12 members. The meeting was solemn and interesting. Though the day was severely cold, the Court-house, in which the meeting was held was crowded. Members of different denominations were present; One esteemed preacher of the Baptist church, & two of the Methodist took part in the services; and the two latter with several private members were seated with us around the table of our common Lord. I believe I may safely express the opinion that a good understanding & better feelings of harmony ~~among different~~ denominations of Evangelical Christians are gaining ground in this State; and the sentiment is becoming more general that ~~there~~ is room enough & work enough for them to exert their resources & influence unitedly in the common cause.

This is the second Presbyterian church constituted on the north side of the Illinois river. ~~[illegible] other~~ The labors of Mr. Watson have been so well received at Schuyler co. that the people are anxious to secure his stated labors. ~~The~~ The ability, however, of the members is extremely limited. ~~The poor~~ Here as elsewhere, God hath chosen the poor of this world, and though rich in faith they can at present, do little more than to acknowledge that "the workman is worthy of his hire." & I am satisfied, that they will act up to the rule of the gospel as soon as God shall enable them — Now, their eye is turned to you as their only hope. But as the county is one of the first in the "tract" they will at no remote period, be able to sustain the expenses of the Lord's house without aid.

Rapid Settlement

Only six years ago this whole county was uninhabited. Its noble prairies stood in all their native loveliness. Their beauties were beheld only by the wandering savage or the passing traveller, & the wild deer ruminated in the bosom of security & bounded or slept without fear. Now, the number of busy men who are decking the bordering of ~~[illegible]~~ the groves with new habitations & cultivated fields is 2,500 — and this number is doubling yearly by emigration.

~~As an example of public spirit in the county I will mention that a brick court-house 42 ft. square is going up at Rushville the county seat. — at which place also there are several stores and mechanic shops of various kinds.~~

The church at Rushville, with other little churches planted in the wilderness on the very borders of Zion, seem very naturally to claim a share of those tender sympathies, which the condition of infancy is calculated to excite. But from the example of other churches which but lately were similarly situated, there is good reason to hope, that this tender vine will be cherished of heaven and ultimately bring forth much fruit. One year ago last July and the Jacksonville church consisted of 14 members. ~~Now there are more than 50.~~

Laymen invited westward.

Let the young laymen of our Eastern churches turn their eyes westward & think of the importance of more judicious & devoted young Christians, to aid in laying the foundations of society & their spirit will be ~~stirred within them~~. ~~Let them~~ be told that there is nothing in the climate & nothing in the circumstances of the

country
~~that~~ stands in the way of their coming; but every thing is inviting as to their secular interests, & encouraging to their prospects of usefulness at least ten fold from the ordinary amount of the usefulness of laymen in the older States, & ~~communities of the east~~, – if they have one particle of missionary zeal or christian enterprize, – It will kindle, it will burn, & thousands will come. The sentiment of Franklin on this subject was the sentiment of experience & common sense; ~~namely~~

"That ten men will do more in fixing the habits & forming the character in the first settlements of a county, than a hundred men coming in ~~at a~~ later period." A distinguished clergyman, (author of Letters to Young men) expressed himself thus to me during my late visit to the eastern States: "When I think of the importance of the work to be done at the west in laying the foundation of society for future millions, I am ready to say to all my young men, Arise &c."

~~Rev A. Peters~~

Yours in the labour of the Gospel J. M. Ell

Rev. John M. Ellis Jacksonville Ill. March 8. 1832. Enclosing extract from Ill. Intelligencer. Requests — &c —

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[illegible]—We invite the attention of our readers to the proceedings of a meeting of the Stockholders of the Illinois College, held lately at Jacksonville. This promising institution is now organized; the buildings are nearly ready for the reception of pupils; and in a few days its interesting labors will be commenced. That it will be eminently successful and widely beneficial, admits not of a moment's doubt. It bears within it all the elements of success. Its funds are ample for present purposes, and rapidly increasing. The gentlemen who will direct its operations are zealous, learned, and enlightened; men of expanded views and liberal feelings, whose sole aim is the moral improvement of the country which they have selected as the scene of their benevolent exertions. They deserve the support of every patriot and christian. Our fellow-citizens, famed as they are for hospitality, will welcome those who bring the light of science to our doors.

The amount of money raised by subscription in Illinois, is about $3,000; a few gentlemen in New-York, who own lands in this State, have agreed to pay to the College one cent per acre on all their lands, and have advised other non-resident landholders to do the same; from this source $3,000 has already been realized, and a much larger sum may be anticipated. The further sum of $[illegible],000 has been collected in the Atlantic States by Mr. Ellis, as the agent of the Illinois Association of Yale College, making the whole funds of the institution, at this time, about [illegible] thousand dollars.

What an enlivening prospect dawns upon Illinois! In a part of our country, where the first log cabin was erected but nine years ago, and among the prairies and groves which at that time were tenanted only by the wild deer and the wolf, a College has sprung into existence, as if by enchantment, which promises to be an honor to science and to our State. We hail it to be an omen of brighter days, and look forward with hope and pride to the time when the genial light of education shall be brought to every door in Illinois. The influence of this College will be felt. Its direct operations will do much; its example will do much more. Other schools will now grow up; our children will be educated; and the moral character of our State will rise with the increase of its physical strength.

The following resolutions were offered by the Hon. *Jas. Hall*, and unanimously adopted:

1st. *Resolved*, That we cordially approve, and do hereby accept and ratify, the terms of union proposed by Messrs. Theron Baldwin, John F. Brooks, Mason Grosvenor, Elisha Jenny, William Kirby, Julian M. Sturtevant, and Asa Turner, to the original Stockholders of this Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That the evidence which we have had of the motives, talents, and acquirements of the above named gentlemen, together with their prudent, liberal, and energetic measures, in aid of this institution, entitle them to a cordial welcome, and to our entire confidence; and that we accept, with gratitude, the donations procured thro' their exertions and influence.

3. *Resolved*, That our grateful acknowledgements are due to the pious and benevolent individuals in the Atlantic States, who have generously contributed a portion of their wealth, in aid of the establishment, in this country, of an institution devoted to elegant literature and sound learning; and that we receive their contributions in the same spirit of kindness in which they have been tendered.

4. *Resolved*, That our thanks are due to the Rev. John M. Ellis, for his active and successful exertions in the business of this Seminary.

5. *Resolved*, That the non-resident owners of lands in Illinois, who have identified themselves with the interests of this State, by voluntarily offering to contribute to the funds of this Seminary, one cent for each acre of land owned by them, respectively, are entitled to our thanks for their public spirited and benevolent exertions in our behalf.

Illinois ~~Morgan Co. Ill.~~ [Ellis, Rev. J.]

Rev. J. M. Ellis, Jacksonville. ~~April 15. 1830~~ No. 9

~~To the Cor. Sec. of A.H.M.S.~~

~~Dear Sir~~

Since my last report
my stated labors have been in Jacksonville; occasionally I have
preached in other parts of the County. In Jacksonville, a steady
progress in the interests of Zion seems manifest. The pastoral
charge of this church was committed to me by installation on
the first Sabbath in April. In two communion sea-
sons, we have recieved 18 members to the church mostly by cer-
tificate; & several interesting cases of recent conversions
were among them. We have a very promising Sabbath
school, ~~hitherto~~ embracing hitherto the harmoni-
ous cooperation of all Evangelical christians
among us. There is a good spirit among the
friends of the Redeemer in relation to the Bible cause,
I think we shall be found to do our part in the Grand
Effort. — ~~altho, we feel here the~~ notwithstanding the aug-
mentation of the work & difficulties ~~that~~ arising from the con-
stant influx of emigration. & I hope we shall have
something ~~interesting~~ to state to you concerning the
Temperance cause in a few weeks.

On the last Sabbath in April ~~I attended~~ a two days meeting was held in Jersey
Prairie, 10 miles north of Jacksonville, ~~organised~~ a church of 18 mem-
bers, was organized and ~~administered~~ the sacrament administered. The prospects of this little
church are good. Six of the members of Jacksonville ch.
"Colonized" to aid in building the Lords House in this delight
ful prairie; leaving our number now 51. ~~The settlement~~
in connexion with ~~the~~ town rising at Beards' Ferry, 15
miles distant, on the Illinois, including the settlements between imperi-
ously require a missionary. It is an important field — At this
ferry a ~~10~~ flour mill is now going up. It is destined to be
a place of much business.

Naples, 40 miles down the Illinois, (~~Pike~~ ~~Morgan Co.~~) possesses also

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important advantages. A Steam flour Mill & Saw mill ... ing here also. — The Collins family, having stopped the distillery, ~~distillery~~ with their usual enterprize & energy, is pro cuting their business at Naples — Dr. Saml Spencer, lay from New York has joined them, entering fully into the purposes of the Collins for building up Naples — other things, is anxious to have a clergyman there as soon as possible, & promises, if not to support him wholly, to do all in their power — Join Exeter, Naples with Exeter, 8 miles from the river towards Jacksonville where there is also an Extensive merchant flour mill, saw mill, &c — & you have ample work for a third missionary in Morgan Co. — Several other places within the County might be selected where an efficient faithful missionary ought to be located, & in which the prospect of good bedone is what you wish — and had we these, there would still remain an ample field for all the labor that can reasonably be expected from the instructors in the college. It is quite desirable that Jersey Prairie, & Naples, at least be supplied by those who are members of the "Illinois Association" at N. Haven, on account of their vicinity to the college — The number of inhabitants in this county is variously estimated at from 12 to 15,000, with a very rapid increase. — As this county seems in some respects to be taking the lead in the State, it is highly desirable that this field should be occupied & faithfully cultivated, and all this without prejudice to the usefulness of any other religious denomination. — I cannot resist the conviction that ~~[illegible]~~ 15 or twenty missionaries added to those already in Illinois ~~and~~ entering the field of labor the present season is an object of so much importance as to demand the serious consideration of your committee. —

At a meeting of the Board of the Illinois Domestic Mis. Soc. — The Rev. J. M. Sturtevant, was chosen Treasurer to supply the

Will you please send a draft of fifty dollars, $50 -
(being a part of the sum due to me for services
for the quarter ending April 1 - 1830 -) to
Crocker & Brewster, Washington Boston.

John H. Ellis

I have received from James Kerr Esq. for the
Home Missionary ——— $ 1.00 -
Which you will take from the amt. due me. -

Father Brick is distressed by receiving a copy of the
same - because he "can't pay"!!! unless you
will take it in wheat. ——— He requests it to be stopped.

($210) is as little as I can struggle along with. The sum guaranteed by the Church & Society is $190. one hundred and ninety dollars. — with house rent. — My Postage bill is greater than that of any other man in the County, & almost all from ~~the~~ my situation as a missionary & from the efforts made to advance the welfare of the West. — I have paid out very considerable sums for freight of boxes of tracts donated Sunday School books &c for which I have obtained but very partial remuneration. — I mention these things only to show that the sum mentioned may be seen to be the smallest that will do with the strictest economy. —

Your fellow labor J. M. Ellis —

vacancy occasioned by the lamented death of Dr. H. G. Tayer.

The appointment of Rev. Thos. Lippincott to labor in the ch. of Edwardsville & Collinsville is unanimously approved. {Extracts from the minutes of the Board}

[illegible] Rev. Mr. Watson's appointment to the Military tract, ending May 30th appeared at so late a period, as not to require any special act in determining his location. The Board would however express full appreciation of the labors of Mr. W. and feel it a duty to say in addition, that as his time has been employed over so extensive [illegible] a region, that he has received less from the people among whom he has labored than the sum actually paid out for his travelling expenses, say $30 — and as the sum guaranteed to him by the A. H. M. S. was but $200 he will suffer a loss of at least $80 which he is by no means able to sustain. We would therefor take the liberty to recommend that the Parent Soc. regard Mr. Watson as entitled to the sum of $80, in addition to the $200 guaranteed for 1829 —

We concur in ~~the~~ the location of Mr. W. at Rushville, & the appropriation of $300 from the Soc. above what [illegible] be expected from the people ($100 perhaps) for the first year. —

Rev. John McDonald formerly under the patronage of the A. H. M. S. in Ohio — receives support from the people of Union Grove (Attached parts of Tazewell Co. Ill.) for 9 months. He requests $100 to sustain him the remaining 3 months in in Tazewell Co.

Rev. Mr. Bergen of Springfield $250 }
" " Ellis, " Jacksonville $210 } for the year commencing with
" " Hardy " Shoal Creek $200 } Jan. 1830

Rev. Mr. Mathews, Mr. Spilman & Mr. King we believe are laboring with faithfulness & success, & we recommend their reappointment."

Correctly copied. John M. Ellis, Sec.

I am requested by the board to state ~~that~~ concerning Mr. Hardy's case, that he has now the additional charge of a fam

ily on his hand & ... [illegible] ... [illegible] of ... [illegible]
Society cannot ... [illegible] him from. [illegible]
his family ... [illegible]
Mr. ... [illegible] the Wagon, that ... [illegible]
... [illegible] to return ... [illegible] after ... [illegible]
... [illegible] of the ... [illegible]
... [illegible], & at Lawrenceville ... you ... [illegible]
... [illegible] with the ... [illegible]
... [illegible] his family — his horse & his ... [illegible]
... [illegible] the amount of $80 (as above) ... [illegible]
... suffer...

For my self I can only say, that the numerous calls from abroad which the success of our efforts ~~has~~ occasioned, (at least equal to a constant ~~boarder~~) — & the fact that the church from their efforts to help forward the college and now the Meeting house, have been able to increase their portion of my salary so much as was expected, from the American Home Missionary Society

Rev. J. M. Ellis Jacksonville
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of labor — I. D. M. S. recommend to
Rev. C. L. Watson at Rushville $80 — in Ad. to $25
(guarantied to him in 1829
Rev. John McDonald — requests $100 —
Rev. Mr. Bergen $250 — Mr. Ellis $210 — Mr. Hardy $[illegible]
that Messrs. Mathews, Spilman & Kent be reappointed
requests $[illegible] — be sent to [illegible] & [illegible]

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Rev. Absalom Peters
Cor. Sec. A. H. M. S.
144. Nassau St. New York.

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[Ellis, Rev. John]

Jacksonville Nov. 2. 1830.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours of June 21. on the subject of my pay during the time of my journey to the east last season, gave me some surprize. Time was necessary for reflection; and the press of business arising from meeting-house, female academy, attention to benevolent societies, the formation of several new ones &c &c, in addition to ~~the~~ ordinary ~~duties~~ pastoral duties, has delayed an answer to your letter too long.

The history of the matter is this:— On my way to the east, in conversation with Br. Peters, he enquired how my expenses for the agency to obtain funds for the Illinois Coll. were ~~to be~~ provided for. I replied that no provision was made; that I was poor and indebted; and that I had started with $50, raised from a draft on your society, relying, for the deficiency, for the support of my family during my absence, on the little remains of my wife's patrimony. And my only confidence was ~~that~~ in the fact, that I was engaged in the cause of God and he would provide; for I felt that on the success of the object in which I had embarked depended in no common degree, the interests of Zion in the field of my mission.—

Mr Peters remarked that there might be a little informality in receiving my salary from A.H.M.S. on account of my not being actually in the field designated in my Commission:— And I suggested whether it would not be better for me to receive $200 by express appropriation at that time without the formality of a report, adding by way of inquiry, "you consider yourself to be doing more for the interest of the western mission by prosecuting your present object than by any other mode of labor in its behalf?"— I assented:— And ~~express~~ I knew that an ~~[illegible]~~ appropriation of $200 was accordingly made.—

When settling with Mr. Turner in behalf of the Illinois Association, I stated the case to him, in order to know how to adjust the settlement properly with reference to my commission from the A. H. M. S.— After mature deliberation, when I referred the question to his judgment, his conclusion, in which I concurred was in substance the following, viz that as my family must be supported in my absence as well as in my presence; and as the expense of supporting it would rather be increased than diminished by my absence;— & $100 being as little as would answer for that purpose & in as much as $10 pr. week from the Ill. Association would do little more than pay the expenses of the ~~journey~~ agency considering the increased expenses of clothing, letter postage &c. &c. & including the entire expenses of the journey from Washington City home to Illinois.— Br. Turner did not see what it had to do particularly with my engagements with the A. H. M. S.— From that time until the receipt of your letter I had supposed every thing affecting this business was perfectly understood and perfectly satisfactory.— This is the ground, on which the "request to pay over 100 dollars to sundry persons" was made. And now, if that request has not been granted, then I am still paying compound interest for my College tuition, as I have always been doing since I graduated in 1822.—

One of these sums $23, I believe, was to the treasurer of Dart. College, care of Rev. Prof. C. B. Haddock. The other $27 was money borrowed of Dea. Jared Hosford Thetford, Vt. to pay College expenses. Both these accounts ~~[illegible]~~ have been standing for nearly nine years. I have written to them presuming that they would receive the drafts immediately. What they will think of my veracity in this business when their patience has been tried by 9 years unavoidable delay, I know not. My situation is a very painful & perplexing one. Often have I felt that if parting with a limb would pay my debts, most gladly would I do it. Should it be thought ~~of~~ that I feel too ~~[illegible]~~ deeply on this subject, & with too little faith; I would ask when is the time to feel, if not when ones veracity is jeopardized, or "those of his own house-hold" are in danger of not being provided for?

Perhaps I ought not to have come to the West until my debts were paid — but of that I will not decide. I only say, the question was to come at the time of leaving the seminary or, in all human probability never. There was a time and a mode by which I could have liquidated all monied claims against me, and more. namely, by turning my attention a little to land speculation. It was just at the time of my late tour to the East. But the last fragment of my wife's patrimony about $100 was ~~[illegible]~~ all we had to rely upon for the expenses of the agency ~~to the~~ ~~east~~ in behalf of the college, at the time of setting out for the East; for, it will be recollected ~~that~~ the Ex. Committee had not at that time given their approbation or guaranteed any support for the time devoted to that object. We might then have entered land that

that now could not be bought for five times the amount of the original purchase money —

"It is indeed all that we have, said my dear wife," but the interest of the seminary & at this crisis, is of more consequence than our own private concerns — take the money and we w[illegible] to trust God with respect to the future" — [illegible] did until it was all gone —

We have been making every effort to keep along our school until a Female Academy can be permanently established (which is

Rev. John M. Ellis, Jacksonville
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likely now to be soon the case). But with all my efforts especially for the 2/3 of the year the time of my absence, nothing be allowed for the support of my family, [illegible] the prospect before me is one [illegible] peculiarly oppressive to my feelings — I have sometimes indulged the thought that after all my toil and perplexities I might some how or other find means to pay my ~~debts~~ the whole amount about $800 i.e. the expenses of my education & of my library, but the encouragement to hope has been well nigh extinguished ~~[illegible]~~ & ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~

I hope you will soon inform me what I am to expect.

Yours &c. J. M. Ellis.

Rev. A. Peters. Cor. Sec.

[Hardy, Solomon]

Greenville Ill July 20th 1830

Rev. and Dear Sir.

I have been silent for a long time For my silence I have only two reasons to offer.

The first reason is, that I had neither seen my appointment in the Home Missionary, nor received a commission, and concluded that I was not a missionary. But I find my name ~~[illegible]~~ enrolled as a missionary for this year in the last report of your Society.

The other reason is that during the two first quarters of my present year I was employed a great part of the time in endeavoring to settle church difficulties, and my spirits were so much depressed that I felt as if I could not write. I am happy to state however that with the aid of Messrs Spilman and Baldwin our difficulties were terminated on the 12th of March last.

Between the 12th of Oct 1829 and the 12th of Jan. 18$\overset{3}{2}$0 I have nothing worthy of remark except that I preached at my respective "stands", alternately and kept up the weekly prayer meetings and the monthly concert. But every thing, to me looked dreary and forbidding. My health and spirits were were not so good as usual.

From the 12th of Jan. to the 12th of April the scene was a little more diversified. The Board of our County Bible Society explored the county again for the purpose of supplying the destitute and would have succeeded had they possessed the means. On the first of April there were about 20 families unsupplied.

Whilst I was absent to attend the spring meeting of Presbytery, Mr Allen the tract agent came into the lower part of the county and formed two tract societies. I spent several weeks from home after the meeting Presbytery, In order to regain my health and spirits. I spent several days in search of the body of our lamented Br Hawley, and attended the instalation of Br Ellis. At Jacksonville I had the pleasure of attending the examination of three young men who were members of the College, as candidates for the patronage of the American Education Society. I spent one Sabbath at Rushville and preached to an attentive audience. I returned home considerably invigorated.

Between the 12 th of March and the 10 of July I have some interesting facts to communicate

~~First. Sabbath Schools.~~

Sabbath Schools

There are now nine Sabbath Schools in the County. there were I believe never more than four or five in any former season. One of them I fear is a school only in name. The schools at ~~Carrollton~~ Greenville and ~~Shoal Creek~~; have been ~~remodelled~~ ~~new modelled~~ new-modelled by forming for each of them a Sab. School Association, which puts the choice of the superintendant ~~[illegible]~~ and other officers except the teachers into hands of the people; and by purchasing for each of the schools a ten dollar library and introducing the Union questions.

The schools appear to have received a new impulse by the introduction of the libraries and question books

The School at S~~[illegible] Creek~~, numbers about fifty scholars. One old lady in the class taught by my ~~companion~~ wife has five daughters, two daughters in law, and six grand-daughters; two sons and one son-in-law and seven grand-sons who are ~~al~~ scholars; and two sons and one son-in-law who are teachers; making a total of ~~24~~ twenty four scholars and three teachers connected with one family.

The School at ~~Greenville~~ has been increasing in numbers ever since it commenced. It numbers about ~~nine~~ ninety.

I have the superintendance of the School at ~~Shoal~~ Creek, and occasionally teach at Greenville. I usually lecture on the sabbath school lesson ~~in~~ during one part of the day, upon the Sabbath in each place.

An elder in Shoal Creek Church has established three, ~~[illegible]~~ entirely new sabbath Schools in this county the present season; two of them have been furnished with libraries worth about four dollars each. I have established one new school, and it will obtain a five dollar library. Some of the scholars who attend that school used to travel five miles and back, every sabbath to attend another school.

no ¶ On Monday the 12th ~~inst~~ July I ~~called~~ held a meeting ~~of the~~ ~~a convention~~ of the officers teachers and friends of Sabbath Schools at ~~Greenville~~ for the purpose of attending ~~Sabbath school~~ the S.S. monthly concert of prayer; to hear interesting intelligence from the east with respect to ~~Sunday Schools; and~~ this cause & to adopt measures for the establishment of Sabbath Schools throughout the county. The meeting was full of interest. The prayers were appropriate and fervent. I read ~~the~~ ~~for~~ more than an hour from three successive numbers of the N Y Obs which gave an account of the ~~annual~~ last annual meeting of the A S S U. and the meetings which followed it in Philadelphia and New York. After the religious exercises were over, there were resolutions past expressing our approval of the two years resolution of the A.S.S.U., our willingness to cooperate with it to our utmost ablylitys; and our [illegible] thanks to our friends at the east for their generouse exertions in behalf of ~~Sabbath~~ Schools in the Valley of the Missisippi. A committee was appointed to explore the county in order to ascertain where Sabbath Schools can be established. I have been out three Sabbaths to attend to Sunday Schools and left my people without preaching.

Bible cause

The State Bible Society have ordered me to write to the Parent Society for ten thousand Bibles, and I have written according to their order. We intend that the State with the divine assistance shall be supplied by next May. We have employed an agent to labor three months ~~for that~~ Society.

Tract cause.

~~The tract agent has been into the county again and formed two Societies in the upper part of the county~~ We have now five tract Societies in the county; one year ago I believe there were none. At all events the first one was formed last season. My congregations are full and attentive on the Sabbath. Occasionally there are appearances of seriousness. I think I have reason to bless God that so much is doing in this county, and have encouragement to hope that God will cause some of the seed to spring up and bear fruit. I have frequent applications to preach in different parts of the county. ~~The time has nearly arrived when two ministers are wanted to spend their whole time in the county~~

Yours &c
Solomon Hardy

Revd Peters Cor Sec A H M S

Greenville Ill
July 24th

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Rev. Sol. Hardy, Greenville Ill.
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[Hardy, Solomon]

Greenville Illinois Dec 10th 1830

Dear Sir

I have delayed writing to the present time, in order to ~~[illegible]~~ obtain an extract from the records of the last meeting of the Illinois Presbytery, which by some mistake had been misplaid. The following is a copy of the extract to which I refer. Viz

Extract from the records of the Centre Presbytery of Illinois Oct 12th 1830 "The Committee to whom was recommitted the request of the Rev Solomon Hardy reported the following preamble and resolutions" [which were adopted] ~~[illegible]~~ "Wheras they consider the connexion between a pastor and his people of a character peculiarly sacred and one which, except for special reasons ought not to be dissolved, they view with pain the causes on which this request is grounded. But as it appears that this necessity is the result of causes over which the applicant had no control, and which, though they do not in the least implicate his character or faithfulness as a minister of the gospel yet seriously impair his usefulness in that place; and whereas the Presbytery is officially informed that the respective churches consent thereto.

Resolved 1. That the pastoral relation existing between the Rev Solomon Hardy and his people, ought to be, and hereby is dissolved, and the churches of Greenville and Shoal Creek are ~~hereby~~ declared to be vacant and are hereby enjoined to fulfil their ~~pastoral~~ engagements for the pastoral labours of Mr Hardy.

Resolved 2. that the Presbytery in view of the causes which ~~lead~~ led to this result, regard with strong disapprobation unofficial efforts to dissolve these sacred relations merely to gratify individual inclinations" " "A true copy Attest John M Ellis Stated Clerk

There are many items which I have not room [illegible] which I must defer till another oppo particularly with regard to Sabbath Schools and other statistics specified in my commission &c.

By the foregoing extract you have learned that I have been dismissed from my people and the feelings with which the separation was viewed by the presbytery. I thought a copy of the minute would be very acceptable to you and would also have some bearing on my future operations as your missionary. The day on which the pastoral relation between me and my people closed was the day on which my last commission expired, and at the close of two years from my instalation.

There were two reasons which chiefly induced me to ask for a dismission, one was that a number of the people in Greenville church were dissatisfied ~~to have me as~~ with me as their pastor and the other, that the church at Shoal Creek must undoubtedly be broken up by the members "moving" into other parts of the state.

Among the various objections made by various individuals were the following; preaching occasionally on temperance ~~but~~ the Sabbath, and benevolent institutions when I ought to have preached the "Gospel." By the "Gospel" however must be understood the "gospel" of the western country which is "shorter than that a man can stretch himself thereon, and narrower than that a man can wrap himself therein." Some thought I was too much of a Methodist inviting all sinners to repent and insisting that all christians should be careful to maintain good works. Others thought I was too much of a Presbyterian in doctrine and practice. and that I had not sufficient lungs to carry the gospel with saving efficacy to the hearts of sinners.

I think however that a stout southerner about seven feet and a half hight, with a voice like Stentor, and who could live through the week on the wind that he had preached out on the Sabbath would suit them, be his principles and practices almost what they would.

But laying aside satire and coming to sober reflection I can not leave these churches without some painful emotions. There are many little plans which I have laid for doing good and many of them are carried into successful operation: for instance sabbath schools the ~~Bible Society~~ tract societies and other benevolent operations in which I take ~~[illegible]~~ a deeper interest on account of having been familiar with their local operations than I can take for some time in a ~~ne~~ new place. I have also near and dear christian friends in both churches.

As would be naturally expected at a time when ~~when~~ the way is preparing to seperate a minister and his people, there was nothing peculiarly interesting with regard to the advancement of the redeemers kingdom. The customary means of ~~[illegible]~~ grace were used the monthly concert and weekly prayer meetings were attended, but with no special interest. The Sabbath Schools prospered very well till the time of the Autumnal Camp Meetings. These Periodical fires burn up Sunday Schools like chaff. The Schools at Greenville and S. Creek are in operation.

I wish my commission to be renewed. It is my intention to settle in some place as soon as I have an oportunity. I have been laboring in Shoal Creek church [illegible] since I came home from Synod and they have made up for me a small subscription (I do not know the amount) for my labors. If you should send me a commission, I wish it might authorize me to labor in Illinois as I have not yet determined what part of the State I shall labor in, and the Presbytery have given me leave to supply at discression any where within their bounds. Our state Bible Society have requested the Parent Society to commission me for three months as an agent. Should the Parent Society comply with their request, and your Society with mine I hope your society will be willing that I should fulfil my agency, for it seems necessary in order to advance the work of circulating the scriptures as fast as is desirable. My family has been in such a situation ever since I came from Synod that I could not leave them long

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at a time. This will probably be the case for several weeks to come; as soon however as I can leave home I expect to engage in the Bible business. If I should be commissioned I think I shall need four hundred dollars with what I can get from the people. I have a family to maintain, and the the loss and expense occasioned by removing to some other place will be considerable. Yours in Christian love

Solomon Hardy.

[Herrick, H.

From Rev. H. Herrick, Carrollton Greene Co. Ill. ~~Sept.~~

Rev. A. Peters Secretary of the
Am. H. Miss Society Dear Sir Many inconveniences necessarily
attendant upon the condition of a missionary the first 3 months of
his residence in this country, and particularly a ~~my~~ season of debility which ~~was~~
continued for nearly two months from my first arrival in the
country, will prevent my being able to give so interesting a Journal
of labors performed ~~done~~ as I hope to present after another three ~~3~~ months. The
Summer has been hotter it is said than any for five ~~5~~ years past.
I have however been able either to preach or superintend the
Sabbath every Sabbath and have usually preached twice every
Sabbath viz. at Carrollton and at the Apple Creek prairie
6 or 7 miles distant where the greater part of the members
of the Presbyterian church ~~cch~~ reside. I have also preached at several
other settlements in Greene Co. principally on week days - and
have pursued the plan of visiting families and distributing tracts
as extensively as my strength would allow. I am convinced that
pastoral visiting is a most indispensible means of good in this
country - and that without it very little is likely to be done to
remove the prejudices which exist against missionaries and to
obviate the bitter opposition which exists in many minds
to the christian religion. I have visited a number of the schools
in this county and endeavored to improve in various ways
their system of instruction. A female school has been set up
and has gone on prosperously in this place. I flatter my-
self that my efforts have contributed to its establishment. It
is taught by a lady from Philadelphia and is exerting a
most salutary influence upon the female part of community
The subject of Sabbath Schools has occupied a large share
of my time and efforts. Having formerly been an Agent of
the Mass. S.S. Union, I have been for years deeply interested
in the cause and have made myself acquainted with
the best modes of operation. Soon after my arrival in
Carrollton, I commenced a Sabbath School, which I have
superintended every Sabbath but one (when I exchanged with

Mr Ellis of Jacksonville.] The school has flourished beyond my expectations. ~~Attempts had been made before; but owing to the low state of religion in the County seat, they had failed, while other schools in smaller settlements went on and prospered.~~ The average attendance on pleasant days is thirty five ~~35~~. I have uniformly given an exposition of the lesson to the School, and superintended it myself. ~~It is my object by giving an exposition of the lesson~~ to interest community generally in the study of the Bible, and as soon as possible to have a regular Bible Class connected with the Sunday School. As a County town in Illinois is a centre of influence in a peculiar sense, I have taken special pains with the S School in Carrollton. The library consists of about 150 books and different denominations are united in promoting it.

I found on my arrival in this place a Bible Tract and Temperance Society already established, but needing constant effort to make them operative. Probably this county will be supplied with Bibles before next May. Considerable sums have been subscribed for Tracts. The Temperance Society has perhaps been the theme of as much discussion as any other Society. I have conversed much on the subject and taken part in two public discussions on the question "Are Temperance Societies beneficial?" the result of which was finally a vote of 16 in favor and only one against, whilst 3 or 4 remained neutral. There is a great deal of discussion going on in this county in regard to the benevolent operations of the day and I think it will result in good. ~~I learn that a few weeks ago the question whether Missionaries are beneficial was discussed, or some similar one, which, notwithstanding the bitter opposition on the part of infidels and even of some professed christians particularly one class of Baptists, was decided in the affirmative.~~ There are in different settlements clubs for the discussion of questions The public mind is ~~if I may so speak~~ in an inquisitive state and now is an important period for pouring in light upon it. A few weeks since a Colonization Society was formed and about $50. subscribed in this County.

I have, I can assure you, enough to do and as interesting a field of labor as I could rationally wish. There are indeed trials from various sources. Infidelity is ~~notoriously~~ prevalent in this County. I have had several conversations with skeptics on the truth of christianity. There is on the part of ~~the~~ great mass of community great ignorance and carelessness in regard to religion. There is also a difficulty in the cch. on account of a member of it who was divorced from his wife and married to another. The sparseness of the population is a great difficulty in regard to getting people together. The cares and labors attending upon a new settlement leave no leisure for many to attend to religion. I constantly hear however from those who have been long settled in the country, that there is a great improvement in every respect within a few years. ¶ ~~Favorable [illegible]~~ Intemperance I am sure is not so prevalent here as in most towns in N. England with which I have been acquainted. There are many traits in the character of the people in this region which I admire. I have been ~~treated~~ with almost uniform kindness & I think have encountered less bitter and disgusting, vulgar opposition than in my former missionary labors under the Mass. Miss. Society. Sabbath Schools are doing [illegible] & will do much for this State. There are at least 10 in this and probably several more will be opened in the Spring.

~~Opening for usefulness for pious laymen~~

¶ If there is a region where a pious layman ~~may~~ enjoy an opportunity of being a hundred fold more useful than elsewhere in promoting all the great interests of Society and of the cch. this is the region. I hope that many such will come to this County in the fall. From all the inquiries I can make I am satisfied that Greene Co. is one of the best in regard to natural advantages ~~perhaps the very best. Yet for particular reasons which are altogether fertile, it has been strangely overlooked.~~ It is as healthy as any county in Illinois. It's soil is equal to any. It is near the Ill. river and only 60 miles from St. Louis. ~~It is near the river and St Louis.~~ It has a greater quantity of wood and stone, and more mill sites than many portions of the state where farms are sold at nearly twice the price that they are here and where ~~the~~ tide of immigration is setting the strongest. Much land remaineth yet to be possessed which can be entered for $1.25 an acre & as rich land as any in the State except the bottom lands which are unhealthy & on which no emigrant would wish to settle. For my own part, I could not wish for a pleasanter land in which to spend my days – than this State as far as I have seen it and this County particular.

I have not as yet received the Home Missionary & should much oblieged to you if you would send it on to me. — I commenced preaching in Illinois on June 18. Probably by the next mail my order for this quarter's salary will be sent – drawn in favor of Shackford Rowney St Louis Missouri

Respectfully Yours Henry Herrick

Rev. Absalom Peters
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From a Missionary in Illinois.

Carrollton Greene Co. Ill. Dec. 16 18

Dear Sir, Since the expiration of the first three months of my missionary service in Ill. I have enjoyed better health than previously and have been able to labor more, and more extensively. Besides an excursion into Madison and St Clair Counties I have attended the Presbytery which met in October in Wabash Co. about 160 miles from this place. I connected myself with the Presbytery at that time. I have preached in Macoupin Co. directly east of Greene, three times. It is extremely desirable that pious laymen should early settle in that Co, particularly, and also that missionaries in the neighboring Cos. should visit it as often as possible. It is a fine Co. of land and has not yet assumed a fixed character. I have preached every Sabbath during the last 3 months and have usually attended 3 or 4 meetings in Carrollton and its vicinity during each week. I have now 2 regular meetings in Carrollton every week, (besides preaching twice a month on the Sabbath) viz. a prayer meeting on Wednesday night (except on the week of the monthly concert) and a S.S. Bible class on Friday night for the benefit of the S.S. teachers and children. These I commenced since my last report and they are frequently very interesting particularly the latter. The S. School has certainly advanced in the affections of the people and children. There has been a remarkable succession of unpleasant Sabbaths for 2 months past, but the attendance has usually been from 25 to 30 and a far greater interest than formerly has been excited in understanding the meaning of the lessons. A Working Society has been established among the ladies of Carrollton, who meet weekly for the purpose of sewing, and devote the avails for the present to the increase of the S.S. library. The female School in this place has flourished beyond the expectation of its best friends and as the lady who teaches it is very active in the cause of religion, her influence is very salutary among her scholars and the ladies of the place. I formed a new Temperance Society last week about 14 miles east of Carrollton. I was informed by a young man from that quarter that some individuals there were desirous of forming a Temp. Society. This desire originated I believe from the circulation of a few tracts on Temperance:- one of which (Dickenson on Temperance) a young man carried in his pocket and read from house to house. Though the travelling was exceedingly muddy, and the place of meeting quite remote for most who attended and the rain descended at times in torrents the meeting was tolerably well attended and 8 agreed to the pledge of total abstinence. There is a prospect that a larger number of members will ultimately join. The subscription of the Colonization Society has advanced since my last report. $46. have been collected & nearly as much more subscribed. Some thousands of tracts have been within a few months brought into the Co. & I have found it a very pleasing business to bear a principal part in circulating them. I have had frequent conversation with various infidels in this Co. They are less noisy & arrogant than formerly and seem less sure that they can prove Christianity a fable. The opposition to Christianity which appears under the name of Christianity is of the most singular kind that I ever saw. It renders the task of missionaries very difficult, as no small part of their time is employed in exciting prejudices against them. One of this class not long since remarked that he would rather horsewhip a missionary than give him a cent

I know not yet how much will be done for my support in this County. I shall do every thing which prudence will allow to relieve the Society. I am satisfied ~~that~~ the best way for a missionary to manage is in the first place to gain the affections of community and make himself useful ~~to it~~, before he says much about their contributing to his support. I have already received some assistance in room rent and a deduction from the usual price of board for which I will account with the Society before the close of the year. I shall be very happy if I can succeed in getting enough from the people to enable me to avoid calling on the Society for a 3d or 4th quarterly remission of funds

I have received one No. of the Am. Home Missionary Journal. Our Monthly Concert meeting excites more attention than formerly. — The trials which I am called to contend

~~with are more severe in some respects than any which I experienced during my missionary labors in Mass.~~ Trials of a Mission in a new country.

I cannot avoid having almost constantly a severe cold on account of necessary exposure to cutting winds, drenching rains, and sudden changes of weather; besides being obliged often to lie in open cabins. I cannot obtain a room which I can have any prospect of retaining for any length of time & thus am obliged to live in a very unsettled way. ~~I have much opposition to encounter from various sources. The value of education and religion is little appreciated by a large proportion of the people, and many who might be disposed to pay something~~ for education ~~are unable~~. The ~~proportion~~ proportion of very poor people ~~in Ill.~~ is great and most of these ~~and many~~ as well as others are anxious to save all they can for the purpose of entering lands. The travelling is often very bad, owing to the richness of the soil, & sometimes the mud is very deep, & when it is frozen it makes the roads very rough; & during the winter, the wind sweeping over the bare prairies is often intolerably cold. ¶ These are some of the difficulties which I am obliged to experience in this country. I am very far from being dissatisfied; ~~still with the country~~ – indeed ~~I enjoy myself in co[illegible] better than I did during the first three months.~~ I feel a [illegible] attachment to the country and feel that my happiness is becoming identified with the prosperity and improvement of the country. The greatest source of regret next to the deficiency of devotedness in my own heart, and the depressed state of religion around me, is the want of regular opportunities for study. I have a large and pretty well selected library with me, but my interruptions are so great that I can use it much less than I wish

Respectfully Yours
M. Merrick

St Louis Dec. 29 1830

Dear Sir, I have drawn on you in favor of Shackford & Kenney Merchants St Louis for $100. for my services as a missionary from Sept. 16. to Dec 16 & the draft will probably be forwarded at the same time with this letter

Yours truly
M. Merrick

Rev. Absalom Peters
Corresponding Secretary of the American Home Missionary
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11th I had like to have forgotten that I have no money to pay my board and must request you to send me one hundred Dollars.

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Galena Ill. Feb. 9th 1830

My Dear Sir

I had looked forward for sometime to the Last Sat. when I hoped to have leisure to write you somewhat that would be cheering but Alas! It was a day of sorrow and "rebuke". And furnished occasion to those who have been seeking occasion against me. And although this event as well as the report that I have been caught at card-playing may be construed as a token for good and an evidence that the Adversary is alarmed. yet the immediate effect will be to fix an odium on me that will not soon be forgotten.

My Associate in the day-school and I were summoned by warrant before the Magistrate for "Assault and Battery" on the body of a child and tho, we were acquitted, yet it appeared in evidence that the chastisement was too severe and some marks were left on the child. The crime was telling a lie and the occasion was whispering in time of prayer. and the severity resulted from the passiveness of the child which led my companion to strike harder than he ought from the impression that the force of the blows was broken by a jacket or corset intervening.
And Although we were perfectly dispassionate and entirely innocent yet you can easily imagine what use will be made of it by such men as would dress up a caricature and send off for the clergyman to come in great haste to see the man in his dying moments. True the messenger was arrested before he reached me but he set out on that errand. and the circumstance was quite recent.
In relation to this last affray the parents are very sorry, have sent their children to school again, and state that the child is remarkable for insensibility under the rod and that they should not have taken such a course but they were urged on by others.
The people of intelligence and influence manifest a great deal of sympathy for me. ~~And~~ I can forgive and pity and pray for those that have injured me, but I cannot help feeling keenly when I think that ever after this my name must be associated with the ideas of barbarity and tyranny.
From the testimony given in, I supposed there were some 10 or 15 marks 12 inches long but my companion called 30 hours after the ~~[illegible]~~ punishment was inflicted and found 3 marks 1½ inches long. And by the time such a story has travelled 100, miles the child's back will be all skinned—

The Bible Tract, Sabbath and Temperance causes have not been forgotten but what Am I" among so many" people and objects.
Had I 2 or 3 men of the right stamp we might have a Temperance Society and various other things

I have seemed to follow the leadings of Providence and if my movements have been singular, ~~and~~ my quarterly are irregular, I must plead peculiar circumstances [illegible] apology. Perhaps I ought now to go back and give [illegible] a connected account.

When I returned from my late tour to St Louis, I found the weather extremely cold, ~~I had~~ Having no room no place for public worship and the sabbath-school, ~~and~~ I seemed to have little or no prospect of doing good, and secretly wished to be a part of the time at some other place, but I found your "instructions" were to preserve and to confine myself to Galena. Thus I was exceedingly straightened and thrown upon my own resources, and I formed a plan which I have steadily pursued apparently with success.

I purchased the house in which we had worshiped and issued a subscription paper to solicit aid to repair it. (being determined to try whether they felt any interest in me or my work, as I had hitherto been unable to ascertain what their feelings were towards me) ~~And~~ In 4 weeks time 200 Dollars were raised and paid out for completing the repairs; on my house (as they understood ~~it to be~~) public worship and the sabbath school were resumed under circumstances of increasing interest and much greater promise, A thriving Society having much the aspect of a moral society of 25 male members started into being of itself; ~~and~~ & a day school of 60 schollars was commenced and has been conducted with great ~~popularity~~ success until recently ~~till the present season~~

My reasons for engaging in this school were, 1 the great need of such a school, 2 there seemed to be little encouragement to itinerate during the winter months 3 I wished to gain access to a class of people that were inaccessible at all other points, 4 I thought by this measure I should eventually promote the sabbath-school, 5 I wished to establish a precedent for introducing the scriptures and prayer into the school. And in all these respects I have succeeded equally to my most sanguine expectations. * There are but 4 or 5 families in the village to which I have not in one way or another gained access. I am Superintendant of the Sabbath school which numbers 65 and is flourishing, and by means of a library of books, we are conveying instruction into the families

* You will appreciate this when I tell you that about the 2/3 population are Catholics, most of those that have any influence attend Mass occasionally, Many of their children are in the day school and several are in the sabbath-school — Confidential

There on an average 2 balls a week this winter — Card parties abound and oth

I have a bible-class 5 days in the week And following the lesson in order (Ex 20) I led them (23 in number) away this morning to Mount Sinai And there expounded the law of the Lord. It is also my frequent practice to make the whole school repeat after me the ten commandments with an occasional short and familiar exposition of one ~~interspersed~~.

I found that the school were miserable spellers and had no ambition to spell. I offered as premiums to those who were at the head at night an apple or a tract. (An apple costs 2 cents here) They all prefer the tract and thus I send out 2 tracts a day under most favourable circumstances, (besides a tract to each scholar once in 4 weeks & S. Scholars. 60.) My Companion is a baptist but a young man of great worth And coincides with me in every thing. Are not my reasons for the day school satisfactory. It was a popular measure to offer to teach gratuitously.

[illegible] congregation Sab. morning will average about 60 of the most respectable people, The Merchants are disposed to shut their shops and come to meeting, and teamsters come in and find it difficult to do business as usual on the Sabbath. In the evening i.e. at 6, P.m. I have about as many of another discrip[illegible] who will not attend by day. So that ~~I have~~ there are [illegible] the 2 services and the sabbath School about 150 under religious influence every sabbath. ~~We~~ We have also a weekly prayer meeting and Sunday, school Concert. And though we mourn that we have none enquiring after Salvation yet impressions are made as you will discover by the spirit of the proceedings, with which I commenced.

But all this labour is too much for my two eyes and they are failing me so that I tremble lest I shall be compelled to desist and again have recourse to Travelling.

If I can hold out ~~till~~ 4 weeks I think of attending Presbytery at Springfield which I deem very important and which will furnish me the necessary travelling and enable me again to visit Rock I. and W. Grove.

I have not thought best t[illegible]

Prospects of the country about Galena.

stationed here would both find work enough, for I am still of the opinion that this Mining Country will settle with unexampled rapidity when it is thrown into market, as I think it will be within 2 years —

Believing as I do that the soil, the minerals, the salubrity and the water-power afford a combination of inducement to settlers unequalled in the U. S. and such as will soon render it a populous district, I am extremely anxious that labourers should take the field in time and not linger until the weeds of error and vice shall (like those in the bottoms) get above our heads.

Recent occurrences show the need of Aaron and Hur, and when I consider that among all this population there ~~are~~ is not materials to organise one Protestant church, My feelings would prompt me to raise my voice till it should reverberate among the hill-tops of my much loved New England, Saying "Brethren come over to Mississippi and help us."

When will the time come that [illegible] is felt that they [illegible]ters are in duty bound to go where they can do the most good."

Rev. Aratus Kent Galena Ill.
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May 10.. 1830 Galena

Rev & Dear Sir

It is made my duty to report Quarterly and to "notice succeſs and difficulties". And I begin with the difficulties as they hold the most prominent place in my cogitations at present. Poverty and insolvency constitute a serious difficulty. I requested a 100 Dollars 3 months since but have not received it (as I hoped accompanied with some words of advice) and I fear it has miscarried. I am owing about 130 Dol. for board and horse keeping which are cash accounts, but the school-keeper can get no cash for his winters work. And a quarter's school keeping will not pay a week's horsekeeping! The country is completely drained of money. You will please send therefore a check on the U S. Branch at St Louis for the amount due me for the year ending March 20 be the same more or leſs. after deducting besides other bills, 3 Dol. which you will please pay Mr Hallock as the amount of tracts sold.

I am also responsible to the M. of Ill. S.S. union for 20..26/100 in books for immediate use and for 77½ Dol. for a bell which has arrived from N. Orleans. I have the promise that an effort shall be made to raise the amount necessary for the Bell and a promise that a subscription shall be circulated for my support this year and also a promise oft-repeated that the carpenters will come and put up the bell. but these promises only aggravate my misery. these little vexations have prevented me from going into the country this spring - to itinerate.

I was yesterday fined 5 Dol. for not serving on the petty jury But the Judge spoke kindly to me and said, "we will make it up among ourselves" - He is a worthy man and attends church regularly.

I have been expecting the Lord would send faithful Brethren this spring but none have arrived. The Methodist preacher has come on and they are about getting up a separate meeting, notwithstanding

I have invited him to preach once every Sabbath and told him I should probably be absent 1 Sabbath in 4. during the summer.

I set out in March to attend Presbytery at Springfield Ill. but was discouraged by high water. (Alas for Brother Hawley) I hoped that I should see the Brethren and be somewhat filled with their company. I purposed to visit St Peters but Providence prevented The Sabbath School is very laborious under our embarrassing circumstances, And I have been half-sick these 2 weeks past.

So much for difficulties —

I hope that my salary will pay off my debts for the year but with all the economy I can exercise it will do but little more I fondly anticipated at one time I should get ½ my support here and be less burdensome to my distant friends the ensuing year. I know of no way of materially curtailing my expenses unless I sell my horse and confine my self to assisting in the school kept in my house by which I might perhaps get my board free, of the worthy Baptist Brother who conducts at present the only school in the village and has from 50 to 60 schollars. (This would be rather confining.) But I have committed myself and cannot leave Galena, unless you will send a better man.

2 General Instructions, I have visited most of the families in the village but I fear I have ~~not~~ been faithful in urging the necessity of repentance, It is exceedingly difficult to introduce religious conversation in this place —

3 I assist in opening the ~~day~~ school ~~in the village~~ daily and hear the class in Testament and preach little sermons to them frequently There is but little to encourage one here except this interesting group of youth

4 We have a weekly prayer meeting - the last was attended by the teacher, his Brother and 2 little boys of 6 and 8 years. It was a pleasant Evening and we had a good meeting and resolved to persevere

6 We have no immediate prospect of an anti-intemperance or anti-Gambling society the latter would be the most important here —

Sat. 15— I feel too unwell even to copy this and I must either send it or my cash returns will be delayed another week —

You will conclude that my spirits are depressed but I hope I shall feel better next time I write — I hope you have had an interesting week in N. York. I was present in spirit

While I feel it my privilege to unburden my mind to you Sir I do not wish these doleful things to be printed. Still my letters are to be used as your discretion shall direct

Judge Young has sent me a Note enclosing the Sheriffs receipt for the amount of fine paid by himself —

Yours in the Bonds of the gospel
Aratus Kent —

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[Kent, Rev. Aratus]

Galena Ill July 31.. 1830

Rev & Dear Sir

I have received and expended the balance of my salary for the first year.

I could get through the coming year by devoting myself 6 days out of 7 to a school with comparatively little expense but I presume that if you were here to judge of the case in all its bearings, you would not advise to that course.

I was not aware that it would be necessary for me to make a formal application to have my commission renewed, until I learned it from the last paper and from the fact that it has not been renewed.

It is in vain to expect any application from the people. I do therefore in my own behalf and theirs, request that your committee will furnish me with another year's support. My reasons for this request are that I consider this to be one among many important posts the occupancy of which your society have generously assumed and that you cannot abandon it without harm and loss not only to the interests of Christs Kingdom but ^ much to many precious souls. For though [redacted] neither sun nor stars have in many days appeared and though it be [redacted] now fourteen months that we have tarried and continued fasting having taken nothing, (from the Lord's table) Yet it is written, "My word shall not return unto me void" Wherefore Sirs be of good cheer for I believe God that it shall be even as he hath told me. But unless your missionary or some one else abide in the ship they cannot be saved.

The continuance of your benevolence is important because its influence is beginning to be felt not only in this village but throughout the mining country and even beyond it and ~~th~~ though it ^ be but the first feeble glimmering of a distant light-house, yet that has its use to those who through the prevalence of infidelity are tossed upon an Ocean of uncertainty without compass or chart to guide them.

The people here have showed me no little kindness ~~by that~~ by means of which and of your liberality a fire has been kindled and though the viper has more than once come out of the heat, yet it has hitherto been shaken off without injury.

I did hope that one half of my support this year would be raised by this people. A subscription paper has been circulated by 3 of the most influential

~~men in the village, but it drags heavily for the country is greatly impoverished and a considerable part will be required to pay for the Bell which promises to be useful. and without it we could not sustain our wednesday Evening prayer meeting~~

The Sabbath School maintains its onward way and numbers 67 but it is burdensome for want of help in teaching which prevents all efforts to enlarge it, for those who attend sometimes go away without being taught. Last Sabbath was our first public ~~examination~~ when we gave out 52 books (Bibles, Testaments, Question & Hymn Books) and took up a collection of $5 from our scholars & teachers and $6 from spectators. Our Library of 130 vols and tracts ~~are~~ doing ~~this~~ work ~~and making it too warm for the sippers~~.

It is said that the quantity of Ardent Spirits drank here is greatly diminished and playing cards are a contraband article in our day and Sabbath schools! And it believed that your missionary has secured in a good degree the confidence and affection of the youth

The Synod meets in Indiana and probably the Presbytery will hold its fall meeting in the lower part of the state, It will be expensive to go down by water and it will take a long time to go by land I have never attended a meeting in this state and do not know that is duty. I spent one sabbath in June at Rock Island, The congregation was respectable and attentive, they had heard no preaching since I was there last fall, ~~they contributed 5 Dollars and urged me to come again soon~~. My passage on the Galena & Red Rover was gratuitous. I started July 5th for Prarie Du Chien by request of Gen. Street, Indian Agent, fulfilled several appointments in my circuitous route, and after great fatigue arrived in time to meet my engagement to preach there on the 11th at the meeting of the Council with the Indians, of whom 800 of different tribes were present. My congregation of 200 presented as great a variety of the human family as was perhaps ever addressed at the same time by an ambassador of Christ.

~~You will please charge me with 10 Dollars, 5 from Rock Island and 5 from Gen. Street to whom you may send the Home Miss. or the number acknowledging his donation at least.~~

¶ The most ~~sabbath school~~ Emigration of Laymen. ~~important~~ feature in the plan of supplying this country with Sabbath Schools is the project of sending out teachers. The system of means necessary to the conversion of the world is complicated and varies according to circumstances; But in order to produce the greatest effect they must all be used in their due proportions. And I apprehend that so far as relates to this country an important part has been entirely overlooked. ~~A~~ half dozen families of the right stamp in company with the missionary ~~in places like this~~ in many places would render his labours doubly efficient but they might come out without expense to the society if they were convinced of their duty, ~~(or any they might greatly abridge that expense by furnishing his board)~~ Every new missionary then should have his little colony selected to accompany him or pledged to follow and settle around him. What does New England, our country and the world owe to the piety that first landed on Plymouth Rock. Such a colony went in a body from G~~ranville~~ in Mass to G~~ranville~~ in Ohio & The first sabbath was a day of holy convocation and when I visited them 9 years since it was one of the most pleasant and best societies in the state. ~~(The same might be said of Clinton New York)~~

no ¶ I do insist that the peculiar circumstances of this country demand an emigration, *from principle*, of men whose influence would be of more value than wealth can purchase, Bibles tracts and missionaries are indispensable but they must be accompanied by intelligent and matured piety in the ordinary walks of life, affording a living example of whatsoever things are pure whatsoever things are lovely and of good report. And it appears to me that the public ~~mind~~ attention should be turned to this subject and the public mind ~~inf~~ informed and aroused

If the voice of an obscure Christian wandering away from Religious institutions ~~for filthy lucre's sake~~ in prosecution of worldly enterprise has made its thrilling appeal through your theological halls and called forth these young men to this field of toil and trial, shall they not be heard in turn when ~~they~~ in tones of pathetic remonstrance they cry "*Men* of *Israel* help"? Is it true that the harvest is great and the labourers few; and shall those few spend their strength in vain because there are none to hold up their hands? ~~Will the professors of the churches prevail when they~~ shrink from the self-denial which their active cooperation would involve. Had I the talents time and zeal, me-thinks I could not better serve the Church than by missionating a year among the older churches and uttering this one voice "*Men* of *Israel* help." Suppose Mr Ellis should leave his flock with Mr Sturtevant and perform that service.

If I say too much on this subject Brethren you must bear with me. I do not repine at my lot but I regret that my labours are so insufficient —

May the Lord give wisdom to your counsels and pour his spirit upon the people whom you are labouring to enlighten and save

Yours &c A Kent —

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[Kent, Aratus]

Galena Ill. Nov 13 1830

Dear Sir

Another quarter has ela[illegible]d and another letter is due but I have little e[illegible]o report than the tale of my sorrows.

God has scourged this sinful people with a distressing sickness and every family and almost every person has been brought low by it.

I have visited 30 or 40 in a day before I was taken down myself.

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But the affliction has been mingled with mercy for amidst the general prevalence of disease there have been but 2 deaths that can be traced to the prevaling epidemic. And its influence seems to be restricted to the vicinity of the Mississippi and the bottom-lands which are inundated when this Jordan overflows its banks.

I was attacked by a billious fever on the 6th of Sept. since which I have been unable to preach, nor yet now am I able, though it is more than 9 weeks that I have been laid aside. I attempted it once about 3 weeks since, but my strength entirely failed and I was compelled to set down before I was half through my discourse and the consequence was a fever and ague of which I had been forewarned, that it would most likely follow that with which I was first attacked. It seems very difficult and a very slow process to recover one's strength after being sick in this country. I thought to promote the restoration of my health by going into the country and at the same time to do good by riding extensively and visiting those scattered inhabitants who are so dispersed that they cannot be collected for preaching, but I soon got quite down again and returned to Galena miserable enough. but I am now recruiting and hope to be able to preach in a few days.

This has proved a severe affliction to me. It has deprived me again of the privilege of attending Presbytery, and of sustaining those labours in Galena the suspension of which has already become the occasion of evil ~~increasing boldness in impiety~~. Our prayer Meeting and our Sabbath School have been stopped because ~~the~~ very many of the scholars and most of the teachers have been prostrated on beds of sickness. Indeed Sir, when I look at all the dealings of Providence with me for some time past and especially in relation to the prospect of usefulness now, ~~it~~ It seems as though there was Nothing but darkness and discouragement before me but when I look up to God and contemplate his promises I feel ashamed of my unbelief & distrust. I think it has been My desire that all this affliction may be blessed to my own soul and that I may become more spiritual and more faithful in the service of my Lord and Master. Brethren pray for us.

I have received a Commission to labour here another year and may it prove a year of the right hand of the Most high; for if the Lord do not help me, I perceive that all human efforts will prove unavailing. Brethren pray for us

Your Brother in the Lord

Aratus Kent

[KINGSBURY]

Granby Oct. 6th 1830.

Rev. & dear Sir.

I have now come to the conclusion to go ~~on~~ to the west as soon as possible, with the intention of spending my days in the most destitute parts of my Masters vineyard. I wish to go out under the direction of the A. H. M. S. The reason why I did not communicate sooner has arisen from the interesting & peculiar state of this church & people, for whom I have been laboring 18 months. I tho't it not my duty to leave till there was less of religious interest, or untill a man could be obtained to fill my place. Such an one is now expected & I shall be at liberty soon. As to the particular place for location, I am not very particular. I have corresponded with the Rev. B. C. Cressey of Salem Indiana. With him I have long been acquainted. He is anxious that I should come to that State. Says he knows of no place more destitute & knows of no one who is destined to that State. He states that he is one of the locating committee. that he shall meet the others at Madison on the 21st Oct. & should then be glad appoint me a place. I wrote him a few days since, giving him leave to do so, & promising to come on & occupy as soon as providence should permit. that is, if I could get a commission on terms similar to those which he had. If the Society will employ me, I will make my calculations to be at N. York by the 10th of Nov.

Rev. Aratus Kent
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If you wish for any information respecting me - you may perhaps obtain it of the Rev. Austin Dickinson or of Dr. Woodbridge - Mr. Eastman the bearer of this, is a member of this church - or if more is required apply to any of my neighbouring Brethren.

I wish you would return a line by Mr. E. - Let me know when the Committee will meet - & what they will *probably* do - that I may calculate accordingly. I have not yet been ordained - Had I not better apply here? Will it not be my best way to go through Baltimore & Wheeling? As yet I have no library. A few choice works I must have - & some miscellaneous. Perhaps you can render me some assistance or direct me how ~~I can~~ to spend between 50 & 100$ to the best advantage. Hope Sir, there will be no unnecessary delay, in communicating, for it is now late in the season. I have much to prepare - & if I cannot leave before the middle of Nov. should prefer to remain till Spring. I shall now make my calculations to leave here after the first Sabbath in Nov.

Send what directions you feel authorised to, by Mr. Eastman - & the officials as soon as possible.

Your friend & Brother in the ministry

Enoch Kingsbury

Rev. Enoch Kingsbury Granby
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Rev. A. S. Peters.
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By M. C. Eastman

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[Lippincott, Thomas A.]

Edwardsville Ill. 3d March 1830

Rev'd & Dear Sir —

The period having elapsed of which it becomes my duty to give you some account as a laborer in the Lord's vineyard under your direction; I delay not to discharge that duty. The satisfaction arising from it would indeed be much enhanced if I could relate any special proof of the presence of the Lord; yet in view of what my eyes have seen, and my heart felt, I can and do 'Thank God and take courage.'

Although no formal expreſsion has been given of the approbation by the Board of our Miſsionary Society, of the change in my location, I have received from Brother Ellis an aſsurance that it will be readily acceded. Consequently — and more especially from the repeated and affectionate expreſsions of the wishes of the churches to that effect — I consider myself designated for labor in this County, until Providence shall indicate otherwise. My labors are for the year divided among the churches at Edwardsville, Sugar Creek, and Collinsville.

At Edwardsville (the place of my residence) I preach once a month. The church is feeble, consisting of about twenty members, mostly females. ~~[illegible]~~ two persons have expreſsed a wish to join — and are expected to be received at our next communion, by letter. The congregations on the Sabbath are respectable for numbers — and their character has been made known to you several years since by one of your Miſsionaries. I have frequently first (and before my appointment) attended meetings on a weekday evening - and conducted them either by prayer, lecture, or preaching, as seemed advisable. Recently it has appeared proper to establish an evening lecture on the Sabbath School lessons, delivered publicly. Other appointments for prayer, in which the different sects unite, occupy as many evenings as are deemed profitable. The Sabbath School flourishes in point of numbers, and is I trust improving in usefulness. About fifty or sixty scholars usually attend.

The Sugar Creek church, where I preach once a month, is between 20 & 25 miles from this place; and has been destitute for many years. The consequences need not be told. My heart is cheered and stimulated by the delight with which this dear people receive the word; and the determination they evince to lay a foundation for the regular, permanent, & more frequent enjoyment of its blessings. The settlement is small and has in former years been much visited by sickness; in consequence of which their improvements are not equal to those of some other settlements ~~generally~~, of the same age. But they have already commenced a meeting house, which will be sufficiently commodious, when finished, for the neighborhood. A Sabbath School was in a state of preparation at my last visit, and is now, probably in operation. It has been in contemplation for sometime, (and I hope soon to commence it) to have a bible class, in special connexion with the Sabbath School; and as ~~an~~ auxiliary to it. I should mention that the agent of the A.S.S. Union, by a visit to that neighborhood accelerated the establishment of a S. School; as he also prevailed upon the schools at Edwardsville and Collinsville, which had been suspended for the winter, to recommence, and continue open.

You are aware that two Sabbaths in a month are devoted to the Church at Collinsville. At this place there appears an increasing attendance, and deep attention. At my last visit, I spent a day in visiting families with apparent benefit. Meetings on Saturday evening, Sabbath & Sabbath evening were full; and to me appeared unusually solemn. The church members seem engaged in seeking an outpouring of the Spirit from on high. — May the Lord vouchsafe his presence and answer! The Sabbath School here is conducted admirably; and although but one claſs attends in winter, it is an occasion of drawing many to the house of God, who thus receive instruction, in addition to the other exercises of worship. Public worship is kept up here and has been, whether there is a preacher or not. A bible claſs will, I hope, form an item of my next report.

We have a County Bible Society which has supplied our own population with the word of God; & a County Temperance Society with one branch. It is hoped that this important measure will receive more attention, as the prejudices of well-meaning persons can be removed.

It is my expectation to draw without delay for the amount of one quarter's salary; and I hope the Executive Committee will not think it wrong that I call on their liberality first, and leave the portion subscribed by the churches to be paid at the close of the year. The subscriptions made up by the churches will amount to, and perhaps a few dollars exceed, one hundred & sixty dollars. Owing to circumstances formerly alluded to – the amount of my first draft is already expended.

I have great pleasure in believing that the erroneous impreſsions made on the public mind here by the publication of the incorrect report of Br. Ellis' speech, are for the most part removed: and that he now stands as he ought, in the light of a benefactor of Illinois.

My thanks are due for the promptneſs with which an explanation was given to the seeming mystery ~~that~~ hung own me. My course is plain: — so to act as to remove as fast as possible every remaining impression ~~& spread~~ by my former vocations — so far as politics are concerned. The Lord help me to live godly in Christ Jesus, and preach Him crucified.

My heart swells with grateful joy when I think of the great things which the Lord is doing for this State. To dwell on them would be delightful, but I have not room: and moreover, there are those whose duty calls them to give you the information of things to which I allude. From Jacksonville & Vandalia especially, you will doubtless receive intelligence that will excite to renewed exertion & benevolence. May the Lord return a thousand fold the blessings conferred by Eastern Christians on the destitute West. In the bonds of Christ I am &c

Thos Lippincott

Revd Absalom Peters
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Rev. Thos. Lippincott
Edwardsville Ill.
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11) From Rev. T. Lippencott Edwardsville, ~~Illinois, June 2. 1830~~

[Lippencott, Rev. T.]

Rev.d & Dear Brother. Bull

A second quarter has elapsed of the year for which you have appointed me a Missionary; and consequently it becomes my duty to report. I wish it were necessary to extend the report to a greater length. Little more can be said, however, than that the churches remain pretty much as they were represented in my last. We have had a communion season in each of our churches, and received additions as follows: Sugar Creek 2, & Edwardsville 6, by letter; in Collinsville, One on profession. The Sabbath school at Sugar Creek is commenced and excites considerable interest; but great difficulties exist: chiefly in procuring teachers who are competent. ~~One or two such are all that can be furnished~~. That at Collinsville is prosecuted with increased vigor and hope of usefulness. More than commonly favored with intelligent, diligent, and pious teachers, as it was, it has received an important accession in the widow of the lamented and beloved Giddings; who has returned from St. Louis to her former home and engages, as she is wont, in those labors of love with a zeal and spirit worthy of the relict of that faithful servant of the Cross. I have also to speak of the improvement, in some respects of the S. School at Edwardsville. It numbers eighty three scholars, few of whom are absent without cause. But the school is far from equalling my wishes.

The Temperance cause is advancing. The good

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are open to conviction, and seldom resist it long. The number of members is silently increasing — and a public meeting is to be held during our Circuit Court for the purpose of exciting attention. Ours is on the plan of entire absence — real necessity only excepted. ~~I of my churches~~ An extensive distillery has been destroyed by its owners, who are members of one of the churches under my care, since my connexion with them: It was the result of conviction, founded on careful examination, which had commenced sometime before my appointment. This is a real triumph of principle. The capital employed in the branch was about three thousand dollars, and it yielded more profit, perhaps, than any other part of their business, to the proprietors.

The Tract cause languishes: I hope this will not always be the case. Something has been said lately, and there is a depository in Edwardsville from which a number of pages have been sold. A Society or two exists in neighborhoods. It is hoped that there will be information circulated, and a spirit excited after a time, by the exertions of such ministers as feel an interest in the subject.

I have not heard whether my former order was honored, and conclude from that circumstance that it has been paid. In a few days I shall draw in favor of Messrs. Shackford & Ranney of St Louis for One hundred dollars — being for the second Quarters salary. Another draft for about forty dollars will complete the proportion of my years compensation for which the Society is responsible: the residue being subscribed by the Churches.

I would be glad to know if a new application from the Churches for a renewal of my Commission, will be necessary – or whether it will be considered that their Missionary is requested and appointed until further notice. The Committee of our State Missy Society will meet rather late to send an application through it, in time to have the appointment made at the end of the year – but it will probably be done.

With a sincere desire that, by the mercy of the Lord, your benevolence may not be bestowed in vain on the Churches to which I am called to minister – and with fervent thanks to God and your blessed institution for that benevolence.

I remain
Your brother in the Lord

Tho. Lippincott

Revd Absalom Peters
Cor. Se. Am. H. M. S.

Lippincott, Rev. T

From Rev. Thos Lippincott Edwardsville Sept 7. 1830 Ill.

Rev. Brother,

Nothing has appeared in the churches to which I minister since my last report which would justify me in expressing hope, even, of better times; and truly the times in a religious point of view are dull enough. The great heat of the summer seems to furnish an excuse for languor that affects spiritual as well and as much as secular exertion. There has latterly been considerable sickness also, and the consequence has been a thinner attendance on the means of grace.

My labors are ~~indeed~~ too much spread. Two churches are as much as can be well attended, and they ought not to be more than six to ten miles apart. But when I look at the churches, ~~stated~~ think that a closer attention to two must cause the abandonment of one, I am like the father who was striving to select from his children which to leave to the approaching savages:- I can make no choice. Or rather I cannot consent that either shall be without stated, though infrequent preaching. Other places round call loudly for help also, and hitherto I have reserved four Sabbaths a year (by having my appointments monthly) to appropriate to them. Circumstances induce a change, and now my days of preaching will come at regular intervals of two & four weeks. In Edwardsville I have a weekly lecture; the other churches are too distant to admit of it.

It is my wish to have a bible class in each church, and hope that you will yet hear of their establishment. Many difficulties occur, and it will require much preparatory work to get them fairly on foot. The Sabbath schools go on, but do not at improve ~~[illegible]~~ as I could wish. The noble resolution of the Am. S. S. Union, with the mean-

Rev. Thomas Lippincott
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verses founded on it, excite in those who are acquainted with them, the feelings which might be expected. The aſsumption by your Board in behalf of your Miſsionaries here must be recognized as binding. I hope to do something. &c May the Lord help me.

The Temperance cause gains strength. Our Methodist brethren approve and act on the principle; and some of the most able and influential are in favor of extending its operation by special aſsociations.

A Colonization Society was established in this County on the 3d July - and the prospects are encouraging.

But as for the advancement of vital piety - the progreſs of the work of grace in converting souls, and in sanctifying more and more those who we trust are born again, I am at a loſs what to say. I dare not aſsert that I hear "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees" - and perhaps the most that can now be said is that I am anxiously listening to catch the first token. Our Sacramental meetings come semiannually and will occur in the course of the autumn. Our Presbytery & Synod will call me away for a month from home.

A draft in favor of some merchant in St Louis for thirty eight dollars will be forwarded ere long, which will complete the payment of that part of my salary for which I have depended on the Society. The churches having subscribed as follows:- Collinsville $75 - Edwardsville $44. Sugar Creek $43. making $162. I have nothing positive from them as to the amount to be expected from them for another year but suppose it will not be leſs than the present.

I subscribe myself very truly your
Servant in the Lord

Tho. Lippincott

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[Lippincott, Thomas]

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Revd Brother,

A year has now elapsed since I commenced my labors under the patronage of the A. H. M. S. and I essay to comply with the injunctions of your Society by making a report of my proceedings in the fourth quarter.

Much of the time has been expended in travelling ~~to and fro~~ and attending the meetings of Presbytery and Synod. ~~These~~ Our late meetings of Synod & Presbytery were rendered interesting by the presence of agents of several benevolent societies; whose errands to the West were such as to awaken thrilling emotions in our breasts. At Presbytery the Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Union, with the heart cheering intelligence, and plans of heaven born charity, which he laid before us, opened prospects for Illinois that seemed a Pisgah view of the blessed Land. Believing, as I trust we unanimously did, that the hand of the Lord was that which directed, we not only "thanked God and took courage," but felt braced, as it were, by the refreshing breathings of the Spirit, for renewed and vigorous exertion in the Lord's vineyard. I trust the sentiment is strongly felt that the Pioneers who are now in the field must give tone to the vast population who shall inhabit these charming and fruitful plains. And, if their hands are strengthened by abundant means for establishing Sabbath Schools, and teachers to conduct them, from the benevolence and christian enterprize of their brethren at the East, just at the moment when their hearts had almost begun to faint in view of the greatness of the work and inadequacy of means, how should it chide their want of faith and diligence. O, if we could feel half the fervor of holy zeal in bearing the message of salvation to our "kindred according to the flesh" which those ministers of His, who do His pleasure" exhibit in bearing blissful tidings to a race of beings entirely distinct from themselves, how soon would the knowledge of the Lord cover the earth as completely as the waters cover the place of the seas!

The effect of God's merciful dealings to us were felt and seen at Presbytery. I verily believe an impulse was given to prayer; and the Holy Spirit seemed present. Solemnity prevailed in the meetings for worship; and not only harmony but love dictated the business of the body. I cannot but hope that the heart of our beloved brother Bliss will have occasion to rejoice in the consequences, for surely God was there.

My labors at home have been expended chiefly as heretofore, and nothing new occurs to require particular notice in regard to the past. But I have to represent the state of things in prospect in order to explain movements which might not otherwise be understood.

You may remember [illegible] I have once or twice mentioned Alton, in this county, as a place of importance. By reference to the map you will see that ~~it~~ Alton is thrown, by a bend in the Mississippi far into the heart, as it were, of a large tract of country. This is a rich and valuable tract, combining fertility of soil in a great proportion of it with abundance of wood. Stone coal, lime stone and free stone, in all that part adjacent to the river. It happens that Alton possesses the best landing, as is said by navigators, from New Orleans to St. Peters: a rocky shore arranged in steps, so that a steam boat can lie close at any stage of the water. The current is gentle and the harbor fine. A town is now commenced, and, the circumstances which retarded it being removed, public attention is much drawn to the point. Settlements are thickening round it and the business of the place increasing.

There are two villages called Alton, Upper and Lower, with nearly two miles ride from one to the other. Lower Alton is the original and important place, being on the river. Upper Alton is inland, and now contains the most numerous population. It is supposed to be in the most favorable position for health, but the river bank will ultimately afford the site of the town of which the other may be a flourishing suburb. The latter will be my residence if I decide on ~~removing~~ to Alton rather than Collinsville.

Two or three members of the Church here reside in and near Alton, which is twelve or fourteen miles distant; but as no church could be formed there, I have been compelled to leave them without ordinances — or the calls of the churches in which I have labored unattended to, at least in part. My strong desire to have a Minister at the place has impelled me to watch every opportunity and present its claims. Accordingly I proposed to Brother Baldwin and others that if any minister could be stationed at Alton I would give up Edwardsville to be added to it. Brother Messenger on receiving a representation of the case consented to come to the county, and the result of our deliberations, after consultation with our brethren is, that he shall take my place in Edwardsville and Sugar Creek churches, and I remove my residence to Alton or Collinsville, and labor in those and such other places as may appear most proper. Other stations may also be made by him. We might have arranged it so as to secure more ease, but this promises most usefulness.

I suppose, but do not yet know, that a subscription will be had for Br. M. equal to that which "was" made for me in the two churches; and that Collinsville will continue theirs as formerly. I would suggest that the same course in regard to salary will be necessary for the ensuing year, and for both of us, that was adopted for the year now closed in my case: that is, that the whole salary be guarantied by the Society, and the subscriptions deducted.

Another important point to be occupied presents itself at Belleville, in St Clair County. This is a village within twelve or thirteen miles of St Louis, and will doubtless thrive to a certain extent. It might be united with Collinsville from which it is about twelve miles distant. If Sugar Creek could be otherwise supplied, Bro. Messenger might extend his rides occasionally to Belleville, which would be twenty five miles, until another Minister shall be provided. I know not if Sugar Creek church might not be profitably attached to the field of the minister at Greenville, when there shall be one there again.

You will doubtless receive a request, if you have it not already, from the Illinois Missionary Society, to renew my appointment, and recognize Brother Messenger, according with the plan herewith presented. Should you comply, my [illegible] year will commence on this day.

[illegible]nals, I have none to report to your Board. I [illegible]orth which I meet are such only as should be presented to a different Tribunal. At home, in the midst of my acquaintance and friends of many years standing; experiencing the kindness and affection of those among whom I minister; I have nothing to lament but my want of zeal and efficiency. The fatigues which I endure, and the exertions which I make are no more than would be cheerfully borne and made in pursuit of the trifling pittance which is sought by the men of this world. Instead therefore of claiming sympathy from my brethren, the benefactors of the dear people of my charge, and my own, I stand rebuked; and seem to hear my Lord say to such as I, "What do ye more than others?" — How do men deny themselves and toil to win an earthly crown! May my gracious Master not condemn me for idleness, and it will be mercy.

I remain in the bonds of Christ

Your Servant & fellow laborer

Tho Lippincott

Revd Absalom Peters
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Rev. Thos. Lippincott
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